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Oklahoma death toll revised to 24

MOORE, Oklahoma (AP) — The search for survivors and the dead was nearly complete Tuesday in the broken remnants of an Oklahoma City suburb where a massive tornado flattened homes and demolished an elementary school, the fire chief said. Authorities lowered the death toll to 24, down from 51.



A flag waves in a neighborhood that was in the direct path of a tornado that hit in Moore, Okla., May 21, 2013.

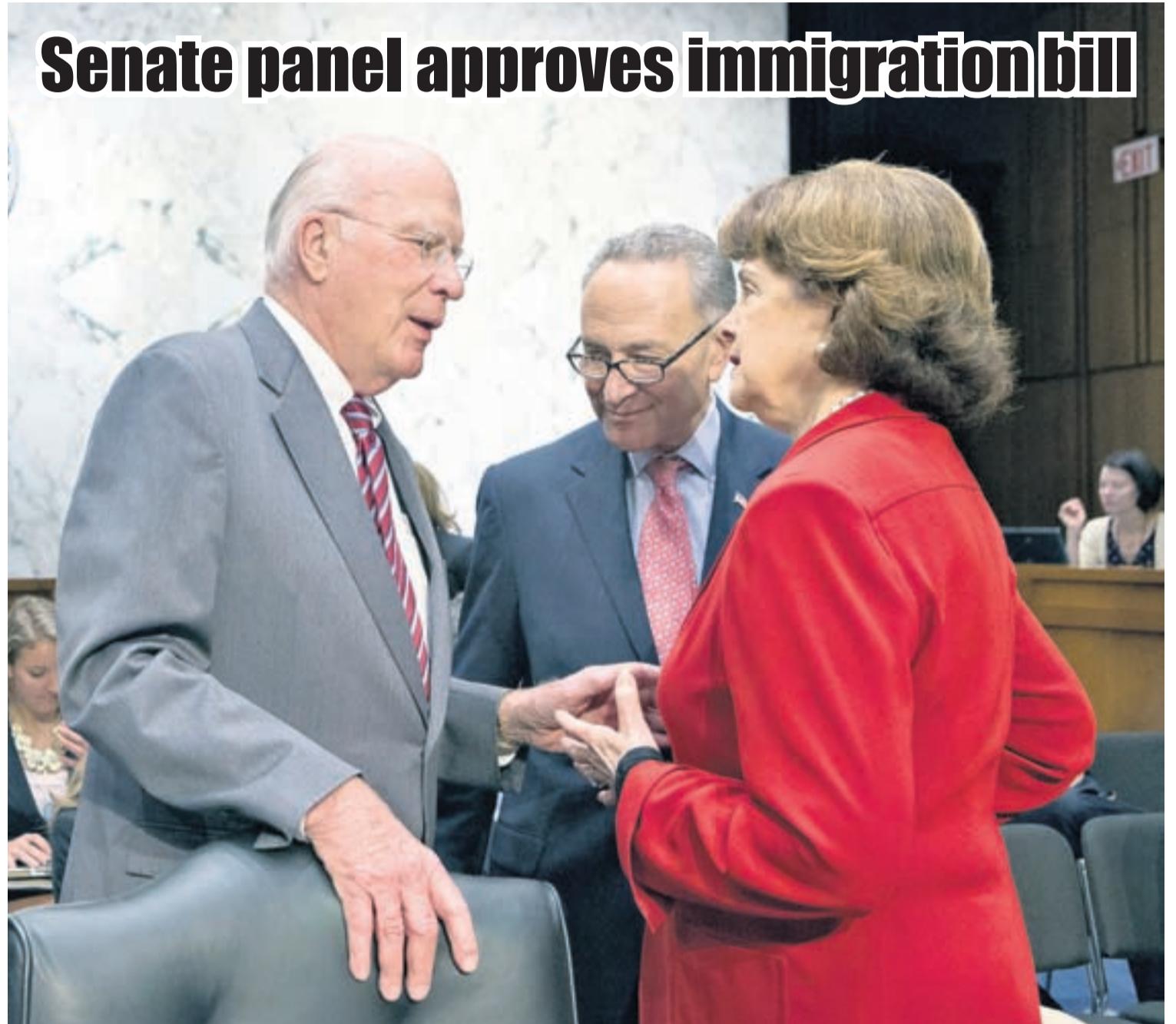
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Fire Chief Gary Bird said that he's "98 percent sure" there are no more survivors or bodies to recover under the rubble in the town of Moore. He said every damaged home had been searched at least once and that he's hopeful the work could be completed by nightfall Tuesday, though heavy rains slowed efforts.

Bird said no additional survivors or bodies have been found since Monday night. Authorities initially reported a higher death toll because some victims were apparently counted twice in the early chaos of the storm, said Amy Elliot, a spokeswoman for the state medical examiner's office.

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Senate panel approves immigration bill



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., left, confers with Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., center, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., as the Senate Judiciary Committee passed a landmark immigration bill to secure the border and offer citizenship to millions, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Senate floor expects epic showdown on measure

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far-reaching legislation to grant a chance at citizenship to millions of immigrants living illegally in the United States cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on a solid bipartisan vote Tuesday night after supporters somberly sidestepped a controversy over the rights of gay spouses.

The 13-5 vote cleared the way for an epic showdown

on the Senate floor on the measure, which is one of President Barack Obama's top domestic priorities yet also gives the Republican Party a chance to recast itself as more appealing to minorities.

The committee's action sparked rejoicing from immigration activists who crowded into a Senate committee room to witness the proceedings. "Yes, we can!" they shouted as they clapped rhythmically to show their pleasure.

In addition to creating a pathway to citizenship for 11.5 million immigrants, the legislation creates a new program for low-skilled foreign labor and would permit highly skilled workers into the country at far higher levels than is currently the case. At the same time, it requires the government to take costly new steps to guard against future illegal immigration.

There was suspense to the end of the committee's deliberations, when Sen.

Patrick Leahy, the Vermont Democrat who serves as chairman, sparked a debate over his proposal to give same-sex and heterosexual spouses equal rights under immigration law.

"I don't want to be the senator who asks people to choose between the love of their life and the love of their country," he said, adding he wanted to hear from others on the committee.

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Soldiers fan across Mexico to protect towns

Associated Press

COALCOMAN, Mexico

(AP) — Mexico's top security officials promised Tuesday that a new federal offensive to rescue towns besieged by the Knights Templar drug cartel in western Michoacan state would stay "until there is security and peace for all state residents."

Interior Secretary Miguel Osorio Chong and his national security team met with local officials in the state capital of Morelia at a time of escalating tensions in Michoacan, where communities mistrustful of state authorities have been creating their own vigilante forces for protection against the cartels.

But Osorio Chong provided few details or an explanation of how sending troops to Michoacan would work any better than it had in the past. Then President Felipe Calderon made the same move when he launched a nationwide offensive against drug cartels in late 2006.

"The difference is the strategy," Osorio Chong said. "There will be a central command, close coordination between state and federal security ... and a system of intelligence that will permit us to move forward." He did not answer when a reporter asked for specific dollar amounts or new programs

behind the effort. Michoacan is the Mexican state most visibly dominated by a drug cartel. Gunmen in vehicles marked only with the Knights Templar symbol, a red cross, roam the countryside, burning businesses and homes of anyone who refuses to pay them protection money.

The cartel has boldly marked its territory by building small roadside chapels to "Saint Nazario," a fallen leader of the quasi-religious

drug cartel who was killed in a battle with police in 2010. As convoys of soldiers rode into the steamy territory known as Tierra Caliente late Monday, they passed the remains of chapels destroyed by local self-defense groups that sprang up in February to fight the cartel.

In the town of Coalcoman, soldiers sped past the still-smoldering remains of at least three sawmills torched by the cartel's gunmen last

week after that town rose up against them. They also passed burned-out hulks of two trucks and a passenger bus set afire by gunmen on the highway outside town as a warning to anyone who tried to bring supplies or reinforcements in.

Coalcoman was the latest of several communities to form an armed self-defense group to kick out the Knights Templar cartel and end their extortion racket. □



Mexican army soldiers enter the town of La Ruana, Michoacan, Mexico, Monday, May 20, 2013. Residents of western Mexico towns who endured months besieged by a drug cartel are cheering the arrival of hundreds of Mexican army troops.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

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More Afghan women jailed for 'moral crimes'

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— The number of Afghan women and girls jailed for "moral crimes" has risen dramatically in the past 18 months, raising concerns that gains in women's rights might be reversed with the withdrawal of most international troops next year, a rights group said Tuesday. New York-based Human Rights Watch said 600 females are now detained under charges listed as moral crimes, a catch-all

category that covers running away from home and sex outside of marriage. The number of females behind bars has jumped by 50 percent since late 2012, it said.

Many women who report rapes to police find themselves arrested for adultery, and many who flee violent abuse or forced marriages are jailed for running away from home, though that is not a crime under Afghan's criminal code, said Phelim Kine, Human Rights Watch's deputy director

for Asia.

"The majority of women and girls imprisoned for 'moral crimes' are actually victims themselves," Kine said.

Of the 600 females now detained for moral crimes, about 110 are girls under 18, almost all of them charged with running away from home, said HRW's Afghanistan researcher, Heather Barr. Many police and prosecutors cite provisions of Shariah Islamic law to order the detentions based on "intent to commit

adultery."

The number of women and girls jailed for alleged loose morals is the highest since the ouster of the Muslim fundamentalist Taliban regime in a U.S.-backed invasion in 2001, Barr said. The Taliban were known for harsh treatment of women under their strict interpretation of Islamic law during their five-year reign, ordering beatings for women failing to wear the full-body burqa garment in public and banning them from leaving their homes without a male relative. □

Internet cable from Cuba to Jamaica online

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A new branch of the Venezuela-to-Cuba undersea fiber-optic cable has reportedly come online,

linking the island to nearby Jamaica, increasing Cuba's potential international communications bandwidth and providing a backup for the main line. Doug Madory of Internet analysis firm Renesys told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he detected new traffic between Cuban state telecom monopoly Etecsa and Cable & Wireless Jamaica beginning May 13.

"They're gaining some physical diversity there, so if something were to happen to the main segment going to Venezuela, then they have this backup," Madory said.

The ALBA-1 cable strung from Venezuela to Siboney beach in eastern Cuba went online in January, nearly two years after it was completed.

Previously, Cuba, which has the lowest online connectivity rates in the Western Hemisphere, had no hard-wired connection and relied solely on plodding satellite links.

It was not clear how much the new cable would augment Internet capacity, but island officials have boasted in the past that the ALBA-1 project would bring a 3,000-fold boost.

"From a technical standpoint, these are good steps to increase their connectivity to the world and hopefully one day get off of satellite," Madory said. Some of the island's rare high-speed Internet connections have improved noticeably,

though dial-up users have seen little appreciable gain so far.

In the wake of the ALBA-1's arrival, analysts and the government have said Cuba still has much work to do building networks to deliver that connection to end users. □

Power of Moore tornado dwarfs Hiroshima bomb

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Wind, humidity and rainfall combined precisely to create Monday's massive killer tornado in Oklahoma. The awesome amount of energy released dwarfed the power of the atomic bomb that leveled Hiroshima.

On Tuesday afternoon, the National Weather Service gave the tornado the top-of-the-scale rating of EF-5 for wind speed and breadth and severity of damage. Wind speeds were estimated at between 200 mph (320 kph) and 210 mph (337 kph).

Several meteorologists contacted by The Associated Press used real-time measurements to calculate the energy released during the storm's life span of almost an hour. Their estimates ranged from 8 times to more than 600 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb, with more experts at the high end.

The tornado at some points was 1.3 miles (2 kilometers) wide, and its path went on for 17 miles (27 kilometers) and 40 minutes. That's long for a regular tornado but not too unusual for such a violent one, said research meteorologist Harold Brooks at the National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Less than 1 percent of all U.S. tornadoes are this violent — only about 10 a year, he said.

With the third strong storm hitting the suburb of Moore in 14 years, some people are wondering why. It's a combination of geography, meteorology and lots of bad luck, experts said.

If you look at the climate history of tornadoes in May, you will see they cluster in a spot — maybe 100 miles (160 kilometers) wide — in central Oklahoma "and there's good reason for it," said Adam Houston, meteorology professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. That's the spot where the weather conditions of warm, moist air and strong wind shear needed for tornadoes combine in just the right balance. □

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Downed communication lines and problems sharing information with officers exacerbated the problem, she said.

The death toll included at least nine children. More than 200 people were treated at area hospitals.

"We will rebuild and we will regain our strength," said Gov. Mary Fallin, who went

urgent government help.

"In an instant, neighborhoods were destroyed, dozens of people lost their lives, many more were injured," Obama said. "Among the victims were young children trying to take shelter in the safest place they knew — their school."

The storm left scores of blocks barren and dark in Moore, a community of

Seven of the nine dead children were killed at the school, but several students were pulled alive from under a collapsed wall and other heaps of mangled debris. Rescue workers passed the survivors down a human chain of parents and neighborhood volunteers. Parents carried children in their arms to a triage center in the parking lot. Some students looked

As the tornado approached, students at Briarwood were initially sent to the halls, but a third-grade teacher — whom Wheeler identified as Julie Simon — thought it didn't look safe and so ushered the children into a closet, he said.

The teacher shielded Gabriel with her arms and held him down as the tornado collapsed the roof and



Wide spread tornado damage seen from SW 19th Street looking north, in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 21, 2013. Emergency crews and volunteers continued to work Tuesday in a frantic search for survivors of a huge tornado that ripped through parts of Oklahoma City and its suburbs, killing dozens of people and flattening whatever was in its path, including a hospital and at least two schools. (Matthew Staver/The New York Times)

on a flyover of the area and described it as "hard to look at."

The ferocious storm, clocking winds of up to 200 mph (320 kph), reduced homes to piles of splintered wood in Moore, a town in a central U.S. region known as Tornado Alley. Less than 1 percent of all tornadoes reach such wind speed.

The National Weather Service said the tornado was an EF-5 on the enhanced Fujita scale, the most powerful type of twister. It was the first EF-5 tornado of 2013, said spokeswoman Keli Pirtle.

In Washington, President Barack Obama pledged

41,000 people 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Oklahoma City.

New search-and-rescue teams moved at dawn Tuesday, taking over from the 200 or so emergency responders who worked all night. A helicopter shined a spotlight from above to aid in the search.

Other search-and-rescue teams focused their efforts at Plaza Towers Elementary, where the storm ripped off the roof, knocked down walls and turned the playground into a mass of twisted plastic and metal as students and teachers huddled in hallways and bathrooms.

dazed, others terrified.

After hearing that the tornado was headed toward another school called Briarwood Elementary, David Wheeler left work and drove 100 mph (160 kph) through blinding rain and gusting wind to find his 8-year-old son, Gabriel. When he got there, "it was like the earth was wiped clean, like the grass was just sheared off," Wheeler said.

Eventually, he found Gabriel, sitting with the teacher who had protected him. His back was cut and bruised and gravel was embedded in his head — but he was alive. □

starting lifting students upward with a pull so strong that it sucked the glasses off their faces, Wheeler said.

"She saved their lives by putting them in a closet and holding their heads down," Wheeler said.

Oklahoma has reinforced tornado shelters in more than 100 schools across the state, but the two that were in Moore did not have them, said Albert Ashwood, director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. He said a shelter would not necessarily have saved more lives at Plaza Towers Elementary. □

CEO denies Apple is avoiding taxes

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WASHINGTON - Facing down blistering criticism on Capitol Hill that Apple side-stepped billions of dollars in taxes, the company's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, carefully defended Apple's record Tuesday, rejecting any suggestion of misconduct but avoiding clashes with skeptical legislators.

"It's important to tell our

Ireland but spanning other regions had helped the company pay as little as one-twentieth of 1 percent in taxes on billions of dollars in income.

Cook sought to draw a sharp distinction between sales in the United States and those abroad, arguing the company had complied with local laws everywhere.

"The way I look at this is that Apple pays 30.5 per-

American taxes in 2011.

"Apple is an iconic U.S. multinational corporation that has enjoyed extraordinary financial success," he said. "In addition to demonstrating excellence in designing, building and selling consumer products, Apple has been very successful at minimizing its global income tax burden."

For example, in 2011, 64 percent of Apple's global pretax income was record-



Peter Oppenheimer, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Apple, left, and Timothy Cook, Apple's chief executive, during a hearing of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on Capitol Hill, in Washington, May 21, 2013. Rather than taking unfair advantage of what Congressional investigators say are a host of tax code loopholes, Cook said his company was actually a victim of an outdated tax system.

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

story, and I'd like people to hear directly from me," Cook told a Senate panel during questioning by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. Apple, he said, pays "all the taxes we owe - every single dollar."

Rather than taking unfair advantage of what congressional investigators say are a host of tax code loopholes, Cook said his company was actually a victim of an outdated tax system.

"Unfortunately, the tax code has not kept up with the digital age," Cook said. "The tax system handicaps American corporations in relation to our foreign competitors who don't have such constraints on the free movement of capital."

On Monday, congressional investigators unveiled a detailed report showing how Apple subsidiaries based in

cent of its profits in taxes in the United States," he said. "We do have a low tax rate outside the U.S., but this is for products we sell outside the U.S."

Again and again, Cook said Apple was proud to be an American company, even if the majority of its sales took place outside the United States and were taxed at lower rates. "We are an American company, whether we are selling in China or Egypt or Saudi Arabia." Before Cook and two other top Apple executives testified, however, other witnesses suggested Apple had pushed to take advantage of the tax code.

J. Richard Harvey Jr., a professor at Villanova Law School, estimated that Apple's legal maneuvering had saved the company \$7.7 billion in potential

ed in Ireland, where only 4 percent of its employees and 1 percent of its customers were located, Harvey said.

While Apple has repeatedly insisted it does not engage in "tax gimmicks," Harvey was dubious. "Apple does not use tax gimmicks? I about fell off my chair when I read that," he said. While McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the panel's chairman, were critical of Apple, the company was not without its defenders on the panel.

"I'm offended by the spectacle of dragging in Apple executives," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. "What we need to do is apologize to Apple and compliment them for the job creation they're doing." □



A view of an iPhone in Washington Tuesday, May 21, 2013, showing the Twitter and Facebook apps among others. A new poll finds that teens are sharing more about themselves on social media. They're also moving increasingly to Twitter to avoid their parents and the "oversharing" that they see on Facebook.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

US Poll: Teens migrating to Twitter

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twitter is booming as a social media destination for teenagers who complain about too many adults and too much drama on Facebook, according to a new study published Tuesday about online behavior. It said teens are sharing more personal information about themselves even as they try to protect their online reputations.

Teens told researchers there were too many adults on Facebook and too much sharing of teenage angst and inane details like what a friend ate for dinner.

"The key is that there are fewer adults, fewer parents and just simply less complexity," said Amanda Lenhart of the Pew Research Center, one of the study's authors. "They still have their Facebook profiles, but they spend less time on them and move to places like Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr."

In the poll, 94 percent of teens who are social media users have a profile on Facebook — flat from the previous year. Twenty-six percent of teen social media users were on Twitter. That's more than double the figure in 2011 of 12 percent.

"Facebook just really seems to have more drama," said

16-year-old Jaime Esquivel in an interview.

Esquivel said he still checks his Facebook account daily but isn't using it as regularly as in the past. He sees teens complaining on Twitter, too, so Esquivel has been using the photo-sharing service Instagram more often, posting a couple of pictures each day and communicating with friends. Facebook purchased Instagram last year.

In what may be a concern to parents, more than 60 percent of the teens with Twitter accounts said their tweets were public, meaning anyone on Twitter — friend, foe or stranger — can see what they write and publish. About one-quarter of kids said their tweets were private and 12 percent said they did not know whether their tweets were public or private.

Teens are also sharing much more than in the past.

More than 90 percent of teen social media users said they have posted a picture of themselves — up from 79 percent in 2006, the poll said. Seven in ten disclose the city or town where they live, up from about 60 percent over the same time period. And 20 percent disclose their cell phone number — up sharply from a mere two percent in 2006. □

Senate panel approves immigration bill

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In response, he heard a chorus of pleas from the bill's supporters, seconding private appeals from the White House, not to force a vote that they warned would lead to the bill's demise.

"I believe in my heart of hearts that what you're doing is the right and just thing," said one of them, Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill. "But I believe this is the wrong moment, that this is the wrong bill."

In the hours leading to a final vote, the panel also agreed to a last-minute compromise covering an increase in the visa program for high-tech workers, a deal that brought Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah over to the ranks of supporters.

Under the compromise, the number of highly skilled workers admitted to the country would rise from 65,000 annually to 110,000,

with the possibility of a further rise to 180,000, depending in part on unemployment levels.

Firms where foreign labor accounts for at least 15 percent of the skilled work force would be subjected to tighter conditions than companies less dependent on H-1B visa holders. The compromise was negotiated by Hatch, whose state is home to a growing high tech industry, and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. It is designed to balance the interests of industry, which relies increasingly on skilled foreign labor, and organized labor, which represents American workers.

AFL-CIO President Rich Trumka attacked the deal sharply as "anti-worker," although he also made clear organized labor would continue to support the overall legislation.

Robert Hoffman, senior vice president for government affairs at the Infor-



Senate Judiciary Committee members Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, and Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., confer on Capitol Hill in Washington, as the committee passed a landmark immigration bill to secure the border and offer citizenship to millions.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

mation Technology Industry Council, welcomed the deal. "We obviously want to keep moving the bill for-

ward and building support for the legislation, and this agreement allows us to do so," he said. □

Convicted for murder, Arias makes plea to spare her life

Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The woman at the center of a murder case that riveted many Americans with its details of sex and violence made a plea for life in prison Tuesday instead of execution, saying she can contribute to society if allowed to live. Jodi Arias's statement contradicted what she told a TV reporter minutes after her conviction for first-degree murder: She would rather be executed than spend the rest of her life in prison. On Tuesday, she said she "lacked perspective" when she said that.

Her boyfriend, Travis Alexander, suffered nearly 30 knife wounds, his throat was slit from ear to ear, and he was shot in the forehead. Arias then dragged him into his shower, where his decomposed body was found days later.

Jurors deciding whether Arias should be sentenced to life in prison or execution adjourned for the day Tues-

day evening. Deliberations were scheduled to resume Wednesday at 10 a.m. local time.

Arias, 32, initially said she knew nothing about the June 2008 killing. Then she blamed masked intruders before eventually settling on self-defense. Prosecutors said she killed Alexander in a jealous rage because he wanted to end their relationship and go to Mexico with another woman.

Arias has said the attack was a defense against domestic abuse.

"This is the worst mistake of my life. It's the worst thing I've ever done," she said Tuesday.

She said she planned to use her time in prison to bring about positive changes, including donating her hair to be made into wigs for cancer victims, helping recycle trash and designing T-shirts that would raise money for victims of domestic abuse. □

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Gay US teen charged for underage girlfriend

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — An 18-year-old girl is facing felony charges that she had sexual contact with her underage, 14-year-old girlfriend, leading gay rights advocates to say the teen is being unfairly targeted for a common high school romance because she's gay. The criminal case against Kaitlyn Hunt is unusual because it involves two females, not an older male and a younger female. But advocates say older high schoolers dating their younger counterparts is an innocuous, everyday occurrence that is not prosecuted — regardless of sexual orientation — and not a crime on par with predatory sex offenses.

Hunt played on the basketball team with her younger girlfriend and shared the same circle of friends, said Hunt's mother, Kelley Hunt Smith. The two had a consenting relationship that began soon after Kaitlyn Hunt turned 18, and Hunt Smith said she assumed the younger girl's parents knew that.

But Hunt was kicked off the basketball team near the end of last year after the coach learned of the relationship because players were not allowed to date each other, her parents said. Then, in February, she was charged with lewd and lascivious battery on a child 12 to 16. The day before she was arrested, police and the younger girl's parents secretly recorded a phone conversation in which the two girls discussed kissing in the school bathroom, said Hunt's father, Steve Hunt.

"It's horrible. For my daughter's sexual preferences, she's getting two felony charges. It could possibly ruin her future," Steve Hunt told The Associated Press in a phone interview Tuesday.

The alleged victim is identified only by her initials in court documents, and her parents have not been publicly identified. The AP does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes.

Kaitlyn Hunt, who hopes to become a nurse, declined to be interviewed and is scared, her father said.

However, the family has received support from all over the world, with messages coming from as far away as New Zealand, the Netherlands and Canada, Steve Hunt said. He said he reads them to her to keep her spirits up, but she feels like she has let everyone down, he said through tears.

Prosecutors have offered a plea deal to Kaitlyn Hunt that would allow her to avoid registering as a sex offender if she pleads guilty to lesser charges of child abuse.

State Attorney Bruce Colton said he would recommend two years of house arrest followed by one year probation if she takes the deal.

If she is found guilty, it's also possible that Hunt could apply to not have to register as a sex offender under a "Romeo and Juliet" law because the girls were no more than four years apart in age, Colton said.

Colton said the victim's family is not pushing for prison but wants Kaitlyn Hunt to be held responsible in some way. □



In this photo made available by the Hunt family, Kaitlyn Hunt and her father Steve in Vero Beach, Fla., Monday May 20, 2013. Kaitlyn, 18, was expelled from school for dating and having sex with her 14-year-old girlfriend, who was a fellow player on her basketball team. Hunt was arrested and charged with two felony counts of lewd and lascivious battery on a child 12 to 16 years. (AP Photo/Hunt Family, HO)

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Massive search underway for abducted teen in rural Iowa

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

A 15-year-old central Iowa girl who was abducted after getting off her school bus was still missing Tuesday, and authorities said a massive search was underway. Meanwhile, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation said the man who is suspected of taking her and another girl committed suicide.

Dozens of federal, state and local law enforcement officials are searching by air, land and water for Kathlynn Shepard. She and a 12-year-old girl, who are friends, were taken Monday afternoon shortly after stepping off a school bus in Dayton, about 60 miles north of Des Moines. The younger girl, who was later able to escape, told authorities the girls had

accepted a ride from a stranger.

DCI Special Agent Bill Kietzman said Tuesday that the body of 42-year-old suspect Michael Klunder was found Monday night with a red Toyota Tundra pickup at a rural property northeast of Dayton.

Kietzman said authorities have begun focusing their search for Kathlynn to locations within 20 miles of Dayton, including Klunder's residence. Previously, the search covered up to 100 square miles of mostly rural areas.

Authorities have also coordinated with the FBI to update electronic billboards around the state with information about the search. Kietzman would not elaborate on the likelihood of finding Kathlynn alive, though he remained optimistic. □

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More possible anti-gay attacks reported in NYC



Members of the LGBT community and their supporters gather to speak out after a string of bias attacks, including the fatal shooting of 32-year old Mark Carson on Saturday, during a rally in New York's Greenwich Village. A spate of hate-fueled attacks on gay men in New York, including a killing last week on a busy street in one of Manhattan's most gay-friendly neighborhoods, has prompted outcry and soul-searching about enduring bias after gay-rights advances in recent years.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City authorities said two more possible anti-gay attacks have been reported, just hours after residents rallied in response to gay-bashing that has left one person dead and raised concern about hate crimes.

A 45-year-old man was attacked late Monday in Manhattan by a drinking companion who yelled an anti-gay slur and knocked him unconscious, police said. A suspect was being sought.

And two men were walking in Manhattan early Tuesday when two other men

yelled homophobic insults in Spanish and attacked them. The pair was arrested on hate crime assault charges.

The reports come as the New York Police Department increased a presence in several neighborhoods through the end of June, which is Gay Pride Month.

On Saturday, Mark Carson was shot in the face and killed as he walked with a companion through Greenwich Village, one of the nation's most gay-friendly neighborhoods. Police say a man was charged with murder as a

hate crime. Carson's shooting came after other attacks fueled by anti-gay anger in recent weeks, authorities said.

On Monday, Carson's killing drew thousands of people to the scene of the crime for a march intended to restore a sense of safety. Among those leading the march was Christine Quinn, the city's first openly gay City Council speaker. In a statement on Tuesday, she expressed shock and anger over the latest incidents.

"We will not retreat in fear," she said.

Despite a sharp spike in reports of anti-gay crimes — 29 so far this year, compared with 14 during the

same period in 2012 — investigators don't see a pattern to the attacks, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said at the briefing. There was no indication that the two most recent reports were related to Monday's march, he added.

At a police headquarters briefing, Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the violence deplorable.

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Top figures barred from Iran's presidential ballot

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's election overseers removed potential wildcard candidates from the presidential race Tuesday, blocking a top aide of outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and a former president who revived hopes of reformers.

Their exclusion from the June 14 presidential ballot gives establishment-friendly candidates a clear path to succeed Ahmadinejad, who has lost favor with the ruling clerics after years of power struggles. It also pushes moderate and opposition voices further to the margins as Iran's leadership faces critical challenges such as international sanctions and talks with world powers over Tehran's nuclear program.

The official ballot list, announced on state TV, followed a nearly six-hour delay in which the names were kept under wraps. That raised speculation that authorities allowed some time for appeals by

the blackballed candidates and their backers to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say in all matters.

also appeared to remove many potential surprise elements in the race, including whether Rafsanjani could revitalize the reform

as former Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran Mayor Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf and Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed

front between the ruling clerics and presidency after years of political turmoil under Ahmadinejad, who tried to challenge the theocracy's vast powers to make all major decisions and set key policies. Iran's presidency, meanwhile, is expected to convey the ruling clerics' views on the world stage and not set its own diplomatic agenda.

Mashaei called the decision unfair and said he will appeal to Khamenei. "God willing this will be resolved," semiofficial Fars news agency reported late Tuesday.

Rafsanjani did not comment, but his supporters denounced the decision on social media.

While the election is not expected to bring major shifts in Iran's position on its nuclear program — which Tehran insists is peaceful despite Western fears it could lead to atomic weapons — it could open opportunities to renew stalled talks with a six-nation group that includes the U.S.

On Tuesday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Araqchi said Iran's nuclear stance will "not change either before or after the election." □



Featured are the eight candidates approved Tuesday, May 21, 2013 for Iran's June 14 presidential election to replace Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who cannot run again because of term limits, clockwise from left: Mohammad Gharazi, Mohsen Rezaei, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, Gholam Ali Haddad Adel, Saeed Jalili, Ali Akbar Velayati, and Hasan Rowhani, taken between May 9 and May 11, 2013.

But the official slate left off two prominent but divisive figures: former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Ahmadinejad protege Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei. The decision

movement or if Ahmadinejad could play a godfather role in the election with his hand-picked political heir. Instead, the eight men cleared by the candidate-vetting Guardian Council included high-profile figures considered firm and predictable loyalists to the ruling Islamic establishment, such

Jalili.

Just one approved candidate, Mohammad Reza Aref, might draw some moderate appeal because of his role as vice president under former reformist President Mohammad Khatami.

The rest of the choices, at the very least, would create a possibly seamless

Egypt:

Troops in Sinai mistakenly hit funeral

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian troops and police mistakenly fired on a Bedouin funeral in the Sinai Peninsula on Tuesday, security officials said, in the opening salvo of a sweep searching for security personnel kidnapped by suspected militants.

The incident illustrated the hazards of the military operations prompted by the kidnapping last week. A heavy handed attempt to free the captives risks bringing a backlash in Sinai, where resentments among the local population against past security crackdowns have fueled the rise of militancy in the

volatile peninsula bordering Gaza and Israel.

Faced with anger among the public and within the security forces over the kidnappings, President Mohammed Morsi has said all options are on the table for securing the release of the seven captives and that the presidency is not negotiating with the kidnappers.

On Tuesday, Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim said the zero hour for an operation against the kidnappers has not yet been decided particularly since they are well armed, with anti-aircraft and anti-tank missiles. He spoke to the state news agency MENA. Calls for a tough response have been fueled by a

video released this week on YouTube showing the captives blindfolded and pleading for Morsi and his defense minister to meet the kidnappers' demands for the release of scores of prisoners from the Sinai, including convicted militants. The captives include six members of the security forces and a military border guard.

But multiple officials have said mediators have been in contact with the kidnappers exploring possibilities for their release. Islamist allies of Morsi — who have connections to militants in the Sinai — have urged a negotiated solution.

"This crisis must be resolved. □

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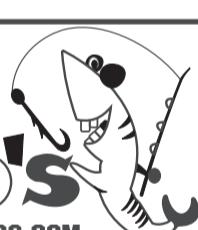
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France shocked by suicide at Notre Dame Cathedral

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Some 1,500 visitors were cleared out of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris after a man put a letter on the altar of the 850-year-old monument Tuesday, pulled out a gun and shot himself in the head. It's the first suicide in decades at the landmark site, Monsignor Patrick Jacquin, the cathedral's rector, told The Associated Press. "It's unfortunate, it's dramatic, it's shocking," Jacquin said. The motives for the suicide, and the contents of the man's letter, were unclear.

The Paris prosecutor's office identified the man as 78-year-old Dominique Venner.

Venner's blog describes him as a historian and essayist, and includes description of his involvement in the campaign against France's new law authorizing gay marriage. In some posts he criticizes "massive immigration" and what he describes as encroaching Islam; others include historical analysis of revolution or American-European relations. □

It says he fought with French forces against Algerian independence fighters a half-century ago in a war that ended with France losing its most prized colony. Police ushered people out of the cathedral after the shooting, Interior Minister Manuel Valls told reporters from the grand stone plaza in front of Notre Dame. "We call for compassion," he said. "Notre Dame is the cathedral of Paris, one of the capital's — and the country's — most beautiful monuments, so we realize how symbolic this event truly is."

It's highly unusual for the cathedral, visited by some 13 million people from around the world every year, to be evacuated. Police, the Paris prosecutor and church employees gathered inside the cathedral, while puzzled tourists crowded outside on the island in the Seine River that has been home to the cathedral since the 12th century. The cathedral reopened for an evening service that church officials said would include a prayer for the man who committed suicide and other struggling souls. □

Gay marriage bill clears UK House of Commons

LONDON (AP) — Britain's House of Commons has passed a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in England and Wales.

The legislation, backed by Prime Minister David Cameron, passed by a vote of 366 to 161 on Tuesday.

The bill will now move to the House of Lords, whose approval is also required. Members there are expected to hold their first debate

in July. If approved, the law is expected to take effect in 2015, and enable same-sex couples to get married in both civil and religious ceremonies, provided the religious institution they choose consents.

Such a law also would allow couples who had previously entered into a civil partnership to convert their relationship to a marriage. □



Police officers stand guard in front of Notre Dame Cathedral, in Paris, Tuesday, May 21, 2013.
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Afghanistan:

Deadly 24 hours leave 14 police dead

RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— A coordinated Taliban assault on checkpoints in southern Afghanistan killed four police before a counterattack drove the insurgents back, Afghan officials said Tuesday. Also, at least 10 other police died in two attacks in the country's west.

The deadly 24 hours came during a crucial season of fighting that is testing the abilities of Afghan security forces as international troops increasingly draw back, preparing for withdrawal of most foreign soldiers by the end of next year.

The fierce battle in Helmand province started two nights ago. Omar Zawak, spokesman for the provincial governor, said about 500 insurgents attacked multiple police checkpoints from several directions. A NATO official said that number was greatly overstated, and the Taliban agreed.

Fighting raged for more than a day in the hotly contested Sangin district before police reinforcements arrived from the provincial capital, Lashkar Gar. Police were finally able to beat back the insurgents by Tuesday morning, Zawak said. He said four police were killed and seven wounded, while 26 Taliban were killed, though government forces recovered only three enemy bodies.

The Taliban claimed on Monday night that they had seized six of the checkpoints. By Tuesday afternoon, insurgent spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi was no longer making that claim but said that the fighting was not yet over.

Government spokesman Zawak portrayed the successful defense as showing the strength of the Afghan forces, though both the Taliban and the U.S.-led military coalition downplayed the size of the attacking force.

The international force "is not seeing anywhere near the reported 500-1,000 insurgents," coalition spokesman Col. Thomas Collins said. "Our reporting shows

ince. We don't need 500 Taliban to attack only one district," he said by telephone Tuesday afternoon. He said the insurgents killed 10 police and lost four of their own fighters.

In recent months, the Taliban have launched a fierce offensive against the Afghan government they want to overthrow, unleashing a wave of assassinations and bombings. Insurgents have also been

fensive, is seen as a crucial test of their capabilities without foreign soldiers fighting alongside them. In the western province of Herat, a powerful roadside bomb killed six policemen Tuesday morning. Their vehicle hit the explosives buried in the road, an Afghan official said.

The explosion was so strong that the police truck was destroyed in the blast, District Police Chief Sher Agha



Afghan policemen evacuate a wounded person after a suicide bomber struck outside a provincial council headquarters in Pul-i-Khumri, Baghlan province, northern Afghanistan, killing the council chief and at least more than a dozen others, authorities said.

(AP Photo/Jawed Basharat)

there were about 10 groups of four or five fighters each doing drive-by shootings against five police checkpoints. Local Afghan security forces called for (Afghan) reinforcements, and none of the checkpoints were overrun."

The Taliban's Ahmadi said the attacking force numbered less than 100.

"Five hundred Taliban can attack all of Helmand prov-

attacking police positions around the country, seeking to seize territory. Their aim is to weaken the government ahead of the pull-out of most international troops from the country by the end of next year.

Afghan security forces have been increasingly taking the lead in fighting insurgents, and the current fighting season, called the Taliban's annual spring of

said, and there were no survivors. Also in the west, a gunman in Farah province opened fire Monday at another police outpost, killing four officers. Provincial government spokesman Abdul Rahman Zhwandai

said a Taliban spy posing as a friend of one of the officers killed the four and wounded two others at the checkpoint in Bala Buluk district. □

Contamination reported from China rice mills

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities are investigating rice mills in southern China following tests that found almost half of the staple grain in one of the country's largest cities was contaminated with a toxic metal. The mills in Hunan province's Youxian county were ordered to suspend business and recall their products after samples showed excessive levels of cadmium, according to an official notice issued Tuesday by the county government. It said the mills had been operating legally and sourced their rice from local farmers. The announcement followed reports over the weekend that government inspectors discovered that 44.4 percent of rice and rice products tested this year in the southern city of Guangzhou in Guangdong province showed high levels of cadmium. The carcinogenic metal can seriously damage the kidneys and cause other health problems. Hunan is a heavily agricultural province that borders on Guangdong, although it wasn't clear if there was a direct connection between the mills and Guangzhou's tainted rice. While investigations are continuing, cadmium is believed to have entered the rice from soil polluted with heavy metals. Air and soil pollution are chronic problems in China, caused by poor regulation of industrial emissions and heavy dependence on coal to generate electricity. China's food supply also suffers from deliberate faking or adulterating by unscrupulous operators, leading to occasional public panic over products from infant formula to cooking oil and a deep lack of trust in the government's ability to ensure food safety. □



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Philippines protests Chinese warship's presence

JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

CAVITE, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines has protested the presence of a Chinese warship, two surveillance vessels and fishing boats off a shoal occupied by its military in the disputed Spratly Islands, in the latest territorial squabble between the Asian countries, officials said Tuesday. President Benigno Aquino III warned, meanwhile, that the Philippines is ready to fight back against any threat and announced plans to buy more warships and aircraft for its ill-equipped military, including anti-submarine attack helicopters.

"Our message to the whole world is clear: what belongs to the Philippines belongs to the Philippines," Aquino said in a speech at a naval base in Cavite province south of Manila. "We can fight back and defend ourselves every time somebody will threaten us right in our own home ground." Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez said the Philippines denounced the "provocative and illegal presence" of Beijing's ships off Ayungin Shoal in the South China Sea, adding



Filipinos living on the Philippine-claimed Pag-asa island at the disputed Spratlys Group of islands in the South China Sea, queue to vote in the country's mid-term elections in Western Philippines.

(AP Photo/WESCOM PAO)

the area is "an integral part of our national territory."

"The Philippines calls on China to respect sovereign rights and jurisdiction," he said.

Chinese diplomats did not immediately react to the protest, which Hernandez said was filed two weeks ago at the Chinese Embassy in Manila.

The shoal, 196 kilometers (122 miles) from the southwestern Philippine province of Palawan, is guarded by a Filipino marine unit based in a rusty warship

that ran aground on a coral outcrop several years ago. The shoal lies near Mischief Reef, which the Philippines has claimed but was occupied by China in 1995, sparking intense protests from Manila.

By allowing fishermen in several boats to fish off the shoal, China has violated the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, which grants coastal states exclusive right to exploit marine resources in waters within 370 kilometers (200 nautical miles) of their coast, Hernandez said.

It's the latest territorial rift between the Asian countries, which also are locked in other long-simmering disputes in the South Chi-

na Sea. Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also claim parts of the Spratlys, a chain of islands, islets and reefs. Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said another protest might be lodged if authorities confirm that two ships which chased a Philippine official's ferry boat last week near Ayungin Shoal were Chinese government vessels. Eugenio Bito-onon, mayor of a chain of Philippine-occupied islands in the Spratlys, said he was traveling with 178 crewmen and companions on a boat to Palawan at night last week when two unidentified ships chased them away from Ayungin. □

Colombia officials look for lost Spanish couple

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian authorities say a middle-aged Spanish man and woman are missing in a northeastern border region where a car they rented three weeks ago was found. Spain's foreign minister said Tuesday in Madrid that two

Spaniards had been kidnapped in Colombia. But Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo did not provide any additional details, including their names. Maj. Cesar Gonzalez of Colombia's anti-kidnapping unit says officials found the car Friday in Guajira state. □



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Cuba lifts ban on energy-hogging appliances

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba has authorized individual imports of appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and microwave ovens, lifting a ban imposed in 2005 amid a wave of energy shortages and blackouts.

Islanders can now bring up to two such appliances per person into the country for noncommercial purposes, according to a law enacted with its publication Monday in the Official Gazette. The list of approved items includes air conditioners with a capacity of less than 1 ton, ovens that consume less than 1,500 watts and microwaves under 2,000 watts.

The change could strain even further the already-overstuffed cargo holds of flights from places like Miami, Ecuador and Panama to Havana. Cuba-bound travelers who routinely check bulky bundles and multiple plasma-screen TVs will now start thinking about things like air conditioners, chest freezers, mi-

crowaves and ovens. Even accounting for import taxes, it will often be cheaper to bring those items in from abroad than to pay for them in state-run

hard-currency stores where the markup is said to be around triple as a rule of thumb.

In one shop in Old Havana on Friday, for example, a

Hamilton Beach sandwich maker that lists for \$29.99 on the company's website was on sale for the equivalent of \$94.40.

"Prices for those products



A man transports a new Chinese made refrigerator in the trunk of a old car in Havana, Cuba. Cuba has authorized individual imports of appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and microwave ovens, lifting a ban imposed in 2005 amid a wave of energy shortages and blackouts.
(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

in Cuba are very high. Nobody has enough to buy something like that," said Maria Rosas, a 42-year-old office worker who added that she makes about \$12.50 a month. "I see things like a blender, a sandwich maker or one of those steam irons, and I'd like to have them, but I can't afford to."

Rosas' salary is low even for Cuba, where government wages average around \$20 a month. The socialist system greatly subsidizes a number of basic staples and housing, however, along with distributing ration cards that cover part of islanders' nutritional needs and offering free health care and education.

Cubans often make do by running something on the side, be it a legitimate small business opened up under President Raul Castro's recent economic reform program, or by offering black-market services or goods pilfered from state enterprises.

Others gain access to hard currency through tourism-sector jobs or by working for foreign companies, and just about everyone has a relative in Florida or elsewhere who's a potential source of remittances.

The new rules on importing appliances would seem to benefit most the few-but-increasing number of Cubans who are traveling abroad, said Roberto Fortin, a 45-year-old independent worker.

Some predicted that as is already happening with television sets, computers and other high-ticket items, those travelers will often bring in the maximum allowed, and sell at a hefty profit while still undercutting the state-run stores. □

Guyana debates whether to allow cross-dressing

BERT WILKINSON
Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Guyana's chief judge is holding hearings on whether to eliminate a colonial-era law that prohibits cross-dressing in the conservative South American country.

The case was filed by a local gay rights group following a 2009 conviction and minor fines imposed on seven of its members.

"The law is plainly at odds with the ethos and provisions of the Guyana con-

stitution, which states that it is committed to eliminating every form of discrimination," spokesman Seon Clarke with the Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination said Tuesday.

The first hearing on the case was held this month, and additional hearings are scheduled for June, with Chief Justice Ian Chang expected to hear arguments for and against cross-dressing.

Clarke accused police officers of randomly applying

the 1893 law while on patrol.

The law forbids males to wear female attire and females to wear male attire in public or for an improper purpose.

"How can we still have these laws today? They are used to harass a particular set of Guyanese, and it is not right," Clarke said. "All the lawyers in court today wore in gowns that looked very much like dresses. Shouldn't they be charged too?"

Pastor Colin Edghill, of Guy-

ana's Church of God, said he and his followers support the current law.

"We oppose such a lifestyle and any changes to the law," he said. "It is not in keeping with the scriptures."

Guyana officials who attend an annual United Nations conference on human rights issues have promised to review the laws, but no action has been taken so far in large part because of strong opposition from Christian, Hindu and Muslim groups. □

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10am – 3pm
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10am – 3pm (No Entry Fee)
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
FEATURING: DJ "GENERAL LEE" (LOS ANGELES)

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6pm – 10pm (Entry Fee:TBD)
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MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOT CAMP
9am – 10am (No Entry Fee)
Westin Resort & Casino Aruba – Poolside (Palm Beach)

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
10am – 3pm
Various Locations: TBD

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
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11:30pm – 3am (Entry Fee starts at \$20 at the door)
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de Oliva to Events Manager, Gail Sahit-Mahabeeras Vacation Experience Manager and Reuella Reeberg to Human Resources Manager.

Ilaina started her career in Events and Planning with

De Palm Tours as Marketing Coordinator in 2003. In 2007 she moved to Epic Aruba as Operations Manager until 2012. She joined the Aruba Marriott in April 2012 as Events Manager. In 2012 she achieved out-



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standing scores for overall planning and guest satisfaction. She studied her Bachelor degree in Art Director/Graphic Design and once she joined the tourism industry she decided to do her Master's Degree in Hospitality and Tourism in the University of Aruba. Susana holds a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. She started at the Aruba Marriott in 2011, as a Front Desk supervisor Intern. In November 2012, Susanna was promoted to the position of Front Desk supervisor where she played a key role to improve Arrival Experience and lead Front Desk to achieve a Green score for Marriott Rewards Enrollment. In November 2012, Susana was promoted to the position of Project Supervisor, a role she has fulfilled competently and excelled in leading various projects on property.

Gail started her career with Marriott in Spring 2007 as the Executive Administrative Assistant working with the Resort Hotel Manager. In 2008 Gail transferred to Marriott's Ocean Club as the Executive Assistant of the General Manager. She has been recognized

at the Marriott Vacation Club 'Way to Go' Gold Level for her Owner and Guest achievements in creating memorable vacation experiences. Gail's exceptional performance and positive engagement with our owners, guests and staff has made her a perfect candidate for the Ocean Club Vacation Experience Manager.

Reuella started with Marriott in August of 2010, where she worked as a Front Desk Agent at Ocean Club while obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality at the University of Aruba. In January of 2012 she transferred into Human Resources as a full time Human Resource Coordinator in the recruitment area, while completing her final thesis for her Bachelor's Degree. She graduated in the summer of 2012 successfully.

Reuella will be in charge of the recruitment section for the Human Resources department.

The Aruba Marriott congratulates the four talented Marriott ladies with their well-deserved promotions and wishes them best of luck as they fulfill their new management roles. □



Holy Communion party for Benjamin Kelly at Amazonia



PALM BEACH —Surrounded by his family members and friends Benjamin Kelly enjoyed a Holy Com-

munion dinner party following his participation in holy mass at the Catholic Church in Santa Cruz. His

parents Robert and Frances hosted the lovely party at Amazonia Churrascaria offering a gigantic selection of salads and appetizers followed by a parade of grilled meats, carried by the restaurant gauchos on giant skewers, carved table-side, continuously.

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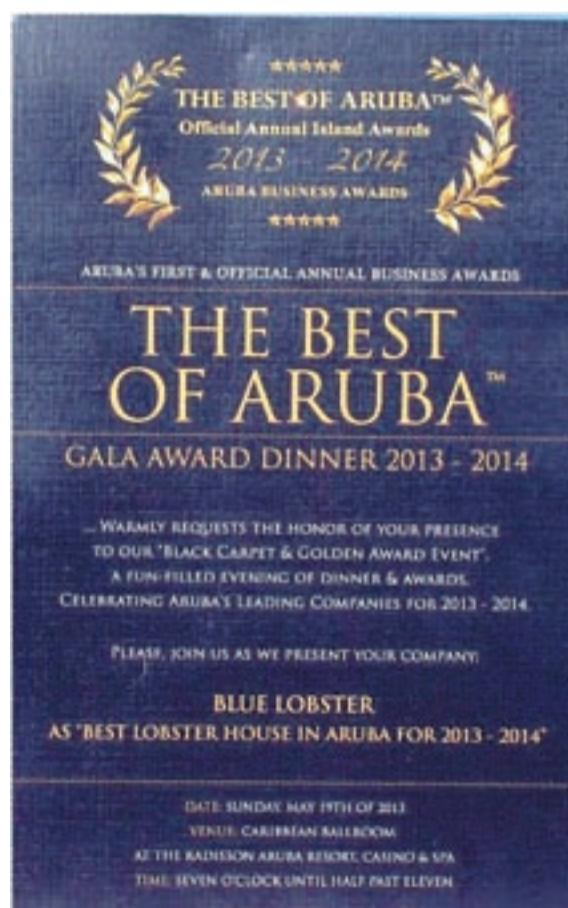
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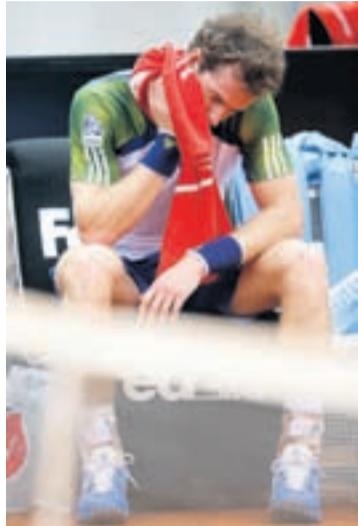
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SPORTS

Aruba TODAY



Britain's Andy Murray wipes his face during a pause of a match with Spain's Marcel Granollers during their match at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Associated Press

Andy Murray out of French Open due to back injury

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray withdrew from the French Open on Tuesday because of a chronic back injury and will now focus on preparing for the start of the grass-court season next month.

The U.S. Open champion met with specialists this week after being forced to pull out of his second-match against Marcel Granollers of Spain at the Italian Open last Wednesday because of the long-standing complaint.

"It's a really tough decision and I love playing in Paris, but after seeking medical advice I am not fit to compete," Murray said in a statement. "Apologies to the organizers and thanks to everyone for the messages of support. Now my complete focus is on getting back on the court as soon as possible."

The French Open, the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, starts Sunday at Roland Garros.

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ANCHORS AWAY

USGA, R&A announce ban of anchored putters

In this May 9, 2013 file photo, Adam Scott of Australia puts on the 15th green during the first round of The Players championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Golf's governing bodies have adopted a new rule that outlaws the putting stroke used by four of the last six major champions.

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Man City, NY Yankees establishing \$100M MLS team

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Manchester City and the New York Yankees have joined forces to establish a \$100 million Major League Soccer team.

New York City Football Club will be the MLS's 20th team and is set to start playing from the 2015 season.

"This is not a marketing gimmick," City chief executive Ferran Soriano said in a conference call on Tuesday. "This is about developing a team that will play very good football and will have a chance to win."

City, which is owned by Sheik Mansour bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, will be the majority owner of the team.

The venture is being launched by City amid difficulties in England after the team failed to win a trophy in the 2012-13 season, leading to manager Roberto Mancini being fired.



New York Yankees president Randy Levine, left, Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber, center, and Manchester City CEO Ferran Soriano pose for a photo at the MLS headquarter in New York, Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Associated Press

Soriano said it wasn't a mistake to award Mancini a new five-year contract after City won the Premier League title in May 2012, ending the team's 44-year English title drought.

"We don't think we are under any instability," Soriano said. "We are changing the manager as it happens in other clubs. We feel confident that we will have a good manager and a very good team next year. And I

don't think anybody made a mistake on this. It's just, as normally as it happens in football, time to change for the good."

City is in need of new revenue streams to help comply with UEFA's Financial Fair Play rules, which are designed to curtail overspending by wealthy owners and require clubs to eventually break even on football-related activities. But heavy spending led to

City losing 90 million pounds (\$137 million) in the 2011-12 financial year with transfer fees since the club entered Abu Dhabi ownership in 2008 went beyond 580 million pounds (\$880 million). "This obviously has nothing to do with Financial Fair Play," Soriano said. "We are building a team in New York that will be sustainable and we will be investing here with the idea of recovering our investment and being a club that will be financially sustainable, the same way that our club in Manchester is becoming sustainable every year more, right?"

"So we don't have any problem with the Financial Fair Play rules, and the New York team has nothing to do with it."

There is a chance the New York club will serve as a feeder team for City, while young players unable to break into the Premier League squad could be loaned the other way.

"I think naturally it will hap-

pen, that some Manchester players will end up playing in New York," Soriano said. "But the objective and the focus will be to try to find the right players for the New York team. The New York team is a team on its own."

Yankees President Randy Levine will be the lead executive responsible for launching the club.

"They'll be running all the soccer," Levine said. "We know our way around New York, how to get things done."

The expansion fee for the new team is \$100 million. It will compete for attention, and dollars, with 10 other professional major sports teams in the New York market.

NYC FC will start play at an interim venue with one option being the New Yankee Stadium, which opened in 2009. The venue hosted its first two football matches last year and is the site of a friendly on Saturday between City and Chelsea. □



Britain's Andy Murray receives medical care during his match with Spain's Marcel Granollers, at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome, Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Murray has retired from his second-round match with Marcel Granollers in the second round of the Italian Open.

Murray

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Last week in Rome, Murray took a long injury break early in the second set against Granollers, getting his left thigh and lower back massaged.

He seemed pessimistic about his chances of playing in the French Open, the only major in which he hasn't reached the final.

"I have an issue with my lower back. It's been an issue for a while," Murray said then. "I want to make sure it goes away. It's been

a problem since the end of 2011 but it got bad during last year's clay season.

"I would be very surprised if I was playing in Paris." Murray reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros last year, falling to David Ferrer, before going on to lose his first Wimbledon final to Roger Federer. He avenged that defeat against the Swiss star to win Olympic gold, and downed Novak Djokovic at Flushing Meadow for his first Grand Slam title later in 2012. Wimbledon runs from June 24 to July 7 this year. □



Spain's Benat Intxausti celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Valloire, France, to Ivrea, Italy, Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Associated Press

IVREA, Italy (AP) — Benat Intxausti of Spain won the 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday, and favorite Vincenzo Nibali retained the overall lead as the race entered the final week.

Intxausti won in a time of 5 hours, 52 minutes, 48 seconds, along the hilly 238 kilometers (148 miles) from Valloire, France, to Ivrea beating Tanel Kangert and

Przemyslaw Niemiec in a final sprint.

Nibali, who finished third and second in his last two Giro d'Italia races, maintained his lead of 1 minute, 26 seconds over Cadel Evans and remains firmly on course to win his country's biggest cycling race for the first time.

Mauro Santambrogio started the day fourth but lost more than two minutes to slip to sixth.

Taylor Phinney was forced to retire midway through the stage due to saddle sores. The American had hoped for a stage win, while also working for team leader Evans.

Intxausti, who briefly wore the leader's pink jersey in the race, moved up to ninth.

"Today I can really say I enjoyed it," Intxausti said. "It seemed like the least appropriate day for me

because the breakaway group looked like it was going to make it to the finish, and that makes it even more beautiful and special. The main favorites looked to each other on the downhill, and I took advantage of that to escape.

"I knew Kangert was the most dangerous rider because he was always on my wheel. I kept my mind cold in the final kilometer and left all responsibility to Niemiec. I saw them glancing for a bit with 250 meters to go and I didn't wait, I jumped from the left side ... and it all went well. As soon as I crossed the line, I screamed with fury and emotion."

Intxausti dedicated the victory to former teammate Xavier Tondo, who died in May 2011 after being crushed by his garage door as the duo were preparing to go on a training ride. □

Golf adopts rule to ban anchored putting stroke

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Golf's governing bodies approved a new rule Tuesday that outlaws the putting stroke used by four of the last six major champions, going against two major golf organizations that argued long putters are not hurting the game.

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club and U.S. Golf Association said Rule 14-1b would take effect in 2016.

"We recognize this has been a divisive issue, but after thorough consideration, we remain convinced that this is the right decision for golf," R&A chief executive Peter Dawson said. The new rule does not ban the long putters, only the way they commonly are used. Golfers no longer will be able to anchor the club against their bodies to create the effect of a hinge. Masters champion Adam Scott used a long putter he pressed against his chest. British Open champion Ernie Els and U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson used a belly putter, as did Keegan Bradley in the 2011 PGA Championship.

"We strongly believe that this rule is for the betterment of the game," USGA president Glen Nager said. "Rule 14-1b protects one of the important challenges in the game — the free swing of the entire club."

The announcement followed six months of contentious debate, and it

might not be over.

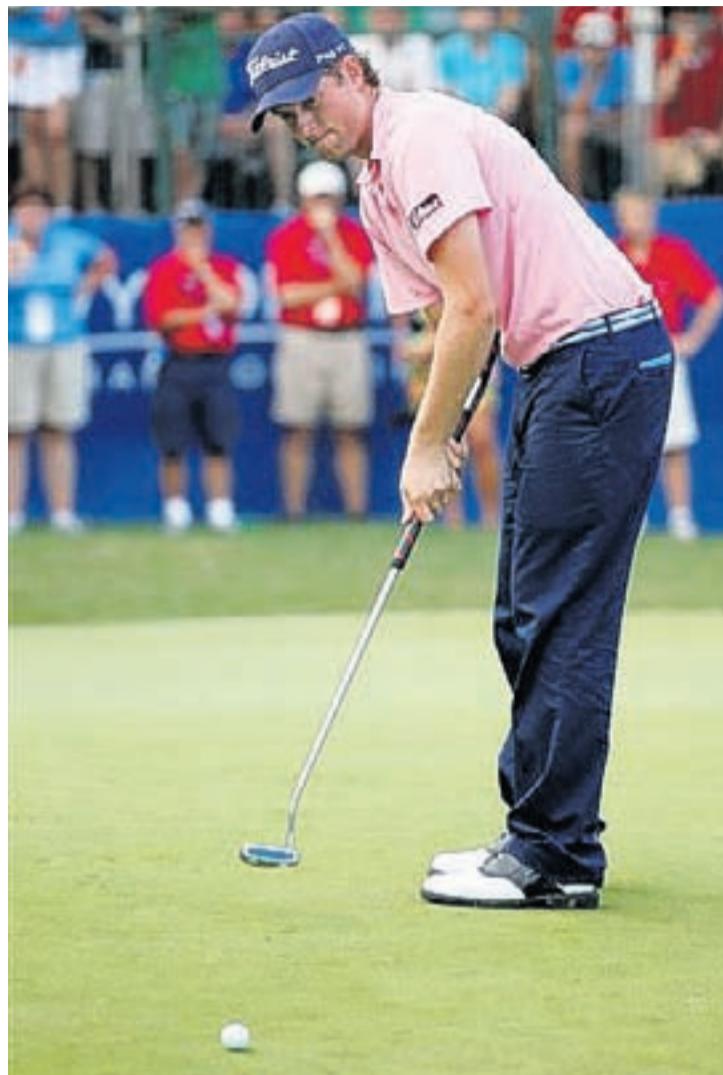
The next step is for the PGA Tour to follow along with the new rule or decide to establish its own condition of competition that would allow players to anchor the long putters. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said in February that the USGA and R&A "would be making a mistake" to adopt the rule, though he also has stressed the importance of golf playing under one set of rules.

Some forms of anchoring have been around at least 40 years, and old photographs suggest it has been used even longer. It wasn't until after Bradley became the first major champion to use a belly putter than the USGA and R&A said it would take a new look at the putting style.

"It can never be too late to do the right thing," Nager said.

Those in favor of anchored putting argued that none of the top 20 players in the PGA Tour's most reliable putting statistic used a long putter, and if it was such an advantage, why wasn't everyone using it?

"Intentionally securing one end of the club against the body, and creating a point of physical attachment around which the club is swung, is a substantial departure from that traditional free swing," Nager said. "Anchoring creates potential advantages, such as making the stroke simpler



In this Aug. 20, 2011 file photo, Webb Simpson puts on the 18th hole during the third round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

Associated Press

and more repeatable, restricting the movement and rotation of the hands, arms and clubface, creating a fixed pivot point, and creating extra support and stability that may diminish the effects of nerves and pressure." The governing bodies announced the proposed new rule on Nov. 28, even though they had

no statistical data to show an advantage. What concerned them more was a spike in usage on the PGA Tour, more junior golfers using the long putters and comments from instructors that it was a better way to putt. There was concern that the conventional putter would become obsolete over time.

The purpose of the new rule was simply to define what a putting stroke should be.

"The playing rules are not based on statistical studies," Nager said. "They are based on judgments that define the game and its intended challenge. One of those challenges is to control the entire club, and anchoring alters that challenge."

The topic was so sensitive that the USGA and R&A allowed for a 90-day comment period, an unprecedented move for the groups that set the rules of golf. The sharpest comments came from Ted Bishop, serving a two-year term as president of the PGA of America, saying his group found "no logical reason" for the ban.

Among those who spoke in favor of the ban were Tiger Woods, Brandt Snedeker and Steve Stricker.

"I've always felt that in golf you should have to swing the club, control your nerves and swing all 14 clubs, not just 13," Woods said on Monday.

Tim Clark and Carl Pettersson have used the long putter as long as they have been on the PGA Tour. Scott only switched to the broom-handle putter in 2011, and he began contending in majors for the first time — tied for third in 2011 Masters, runner-up at the 2012 British Open, his first major victory in the Masters last month. □

AP Source: Jordan changing team name to Hornets

STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina

(AP) — Charlotte Bobcats owner Michael Jordan is changing his team's name to the Hornets, said a person familiar with the situation. The person said Jordan will detail the timetable for the change to be completed at a news conference the Bobcats have scheduled for Tuesday. The person spoke to The Associated Press Monday on condition of anonymity because

the name change has not been publicly announced. NBA deputy commissioner Adam Silver previously said it would take "about 18 months" for the Bobcats to change their name. That means Charlotte could once again become the Hornets by the 2014-15 season. The Hornets resided in Charlotte from 1988-2002 before then-owner George Shinn moved the franchise to New Orleans.

The New Orleans Hornets recently changed their

name to the Pelicans.

Silver said in an April interview if the Bobcats decided to change their name to the Hornets it would be "an enormously complex process and a very expensive process for the team. From everything to the uniforms, to the building, to the letterhead to the signs on the offices — all of that has to be taken into account."

While he didn't estimate how much the change would cost, Silver did say the fact that the league

owns the rights to the name Hornets could help speed up the transition process.

"I'll let (the Bobcats) speak to their own time line, but we're supportive of whatever they do," Silver said in April. The Bobcats conducted a Harris Interactive poll in January to determine if fans were in favor of a name change. The Bobcats have never announced the results of those polls.

The name Bobcats originally incorporated the first

name of the team's initial owner, Bob Johnson, who later sold the team to Jordan in 2010.

In February, Jordan weighed in on the idea of changing the team's name to the Hornets in his monthly "Chairman's Corner" column on the team's website, but was non-committal on his intentions.

"Judging from the emails you've sent me, the opinion seems to be very mixed," Jordan said on the team's website. □

NHL Roundup**Red Wings top Blackhawks 3-1, take 2-1 series lead****LARRY LAGE****AP Hockey Writer**

DETROIT (AP) — Gustav Nyquist and Drew Miller scored 31 seconds apart midway through the second period and Pavel Datsyuk restored a two-goal lead in the third to help the Detroit Red Wings beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-1 Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in the second-round series.

Patrick Kane scored 4:35 into the third period to pull Chicago within one. The Blackhawks celebrated as if they tied the game about a minute later, but Andrew Shaw's goal was waved off because he was in the crease.

The seventh-seeded Red



Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard (35) stops a shot by Chicago Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews (19) during the first period of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs Western Conference semifinal game in Detroit, Monday, May 20, 2013.

Associated Press

Wings have a shot to put the top-seeded Blackhawks on the brink of elimination Thursday night in Game 4.

Chicago has lost consecutive games for the first time in nearly two months.

The Blackhawks began the lockout-shortened season

by setting an NHL record with at least a point in their first 24 games, ended it with a league-high 77 points and avoided having a three-game losing streak during the 48-game campaign.

After a scoreless first period in a hot and steamy Joe Louis Arena, Detroit took a 2-0 lead.

Nyquist patiently carried the puck from right to left and waited for defenseman Brent Seabrook and Crawford to sprawl out to make a shot before shooting the puck.

Miller crashed the net to stuff the puck into the net after Patrick Eaves got to his own rebound to keep pressure on Crawford.

Blackhawks defenseman Michal Rozsival started the sequence with a turnover in the Chicago end.

It was a sixth straight goal for the Red Wings, who lost the opener 4-1 and gave up the first goal of Game 2 before going on to even the series with a 4-1 victory.

Chicago escaped getting shut out when Duncan Keith lifted the puck up the ice, over and past Detroit's defense and Kane got to it in time to beat Howard with a low shot.

Datsyuk gave the Red Wings a comfortable cushion again, getting off a wrist shot from the left side that went in and out of the net before Crawford saw it. □



New York Yankees' Vernon Wells hits a ground rule double in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Baltimore, Monday, May 20, 2013. Ichiro Suzuki, of Japan, scored on the play, and the Yankees won 6-4 in 10 innings.

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Vernon Wells doubled in the tiebreaking run in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees hit four solo homers in a 6-4 victory over the Orioles on Monday night, extending Baltimore's losing streak to six games.

New York trailed 4-3 in the ninth before Travis Hafner homered with one out on a 3-1 pitch from Jim Johnson, who has blown three straight save opportunities after converting a club-record 35 in a row. All three of those botched saves have come during Baltimore's current skid.

Hafner added an RBI single in the 10th inning for the Yankees, who have won 10 of 13 to move a season-high 12 games over .500 (28-16). Robin-

son Cano hit his team-high 13th home run in the first inning for New York, David Adams clubbed his first major-league homer in the second and Lyle Overbay connected in the seventh. In the 10th, Ichiro Suzuki led off with a double off Pedro Strop (0-2) and Wells followed with an RBI double to left. Hafner's two-out single made it 6-4.

David Robertson (3-0) worked the ninth and Mariano Rivera got three straight outs for his 17th save in 17 tries.

INDIANS 10, MARINERS 8

CLEVELAND (AP) — Yan Gomes hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning as the Indians, twice revived by Seattle's fielding errors, beat the Mariners to complete a four-game sweep.

AL Capsules**Yankees hit 4 HRs, beat Orioles 6-4 in 10 innings**

Gomes, who also homered in the second, drove a 3-2 pitch from Charlie Furbush (0-3) over the wall in left, giving the Indians their fifth straight win and third walk-off over the Mariners in four days. As Gomes reached the plate he was mobbed by his teammates following an improbable win that came after Cleveland's bullpen gave up homers in three consecutive innings. It was the Indians' first four-game sweep of Seattle since 1981, and the comeback gave Cleveland its 18th win in 22 games.

Joe Smith (2-0) won despite giving up a go-ahead homer to Justin Smoak in the 10th.

BLUE JAYS 7, RAYS 5

TORONTO (AP) — R.A. Dickey won his second straight start and Edwin Encarnacion hit a tiebreaking, bases-loaded double in the seventh inning as the Blue Jays beat the Rays.

Dickey (4-5) allowed three runs — two earned — and four hits in a season-high eight innings as the Blue Jays won their fourth straight home game. The reigning NL Cy Young

Award winner walked four and struck out five. Casey Janssen gave up a two-run homer to former Toronto shortstop Yunel Escobar in the ninth. Booed by the crowd of 29,885, Escobar made a safe sign as he crossed the plate, prompting more jeers. Desmond Jennings followed with a single and Matt Joyce walked, bringing the potential go-ahead run to the plate, but Janssen struck out Ben Zobrist on three pitches to end it.

Encarnacion doubled in the seventh after Josh Lueke (0-1) walked the bases loaded around a sacrifice and a flyout. Encarnacion's hit off the left-field wall ricocheted past outfielder Sam Fuld.

WHITE SOX 6, RED SOX 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the White Sox handed Jon Lester his first loss of the season with a victory over the Red Sox. Alejandro De Aza and Alexei Ramirez added consecutive RBI doubles in the second as Chicago took advantage of an ineffective Lester (6-1) to earn

its fifth win in seven games in the opener of an eight-game homestand. The White Sox scored each of their runs with two outs.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who had won five in a row. Saltalamacchia made a bid for a second two-run shot, but Dayan Viciedo brought in his drive on the warning track in left-center with the White Sox clinging to a 6-4 lead in the seventh. While Lester struggled, Dylan Axelrod (2-3) pitched six effective innings to win his second straight start. The right-hander, who could lose his spot in the rotation when John Danks comes off the disabled list, gave up two runs and four hits.

ASTROS 6, ROYALS 5

HOUSTON (AP) — Matt Dominguez hit a three-run homer and Jason Castro added a solo shot to give the Astros a win over the Royals. The Astros trailed by one in the fourth inning before Dominguez launched his fourth homer of the season into the Crawford Boxes in left field to give Houston a 6-4 lead. □

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NL Capsules**Kershaw pitches 3-hitter as Dodgers beat Brewers**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — MILWAUKEE (AP) — Clayton Kershaw scattered three singles in his second complete game of the year and Matt Kemp hit his first home run since April 24, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday night.

Ryan Braun managed a pair of singles and Yuniesky Betancourt also singled for the only hits off Kershaw (5-2). The lefty struck out five and walked one.

Andre Ethier homered and tripled for the last-place Dodgers before being ejected by plate umpire Dan Bellino for arguing a called third strike in the eighth inning.

The victory was a respite for Dodgers manager Don Mattingly. He addressed speculation before the game on whether he would be fired this week, insisting he didn't feel as if he was about to be replaced.

Yovani Gallardo (3-4) gave up three runs, including two homers, in six innings. The right-hander lost his third consecutive start and the reeling Brewers have dropped 15 of 18 games.

GIANTS 8, NATIONALS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ryan Vogelsong broke his throwing hand on a swing after pitching himself toward his first win in seven starts as San Francisco returned from a terrible road trip to beat Washington.

The right-hander fouled a ball off his right hand in the fifth inning and grimaced in pain. He was quickly examined near the batter's box and left the game.

Vogelsong (2-4) snapped a six-start winless stretch with his first victory since April 11 against the Cubs. He allowed three hits in five sharp innings and lowered his ERA

from 8.06 to 7.19. Brandon Belt hit a solo home run, matched his career best with four hits and scored three runs as the Giants pounded a season-high 17 hits. Angel Pagan hit an RBI double and a two-run single. He also made a leaping catch against the center-field wall.

San Francisco snapped a three-game skid after a 1-5 road trip through Toronto and Colorado.

Bryce Harper went 0 for 4 in his return to the Nationals' lineup after missing two games with a bruised left knee. Zach Duke (0-1) lasted 3 1-3 innings in a spot start for Ross Detwiler, sidelined with back spasms.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 1

DENVER (AP) — Patrick Corbin tossed a three-hitter for his first complete game and struck out a career-high 10, lifting Arizona over Colorado.

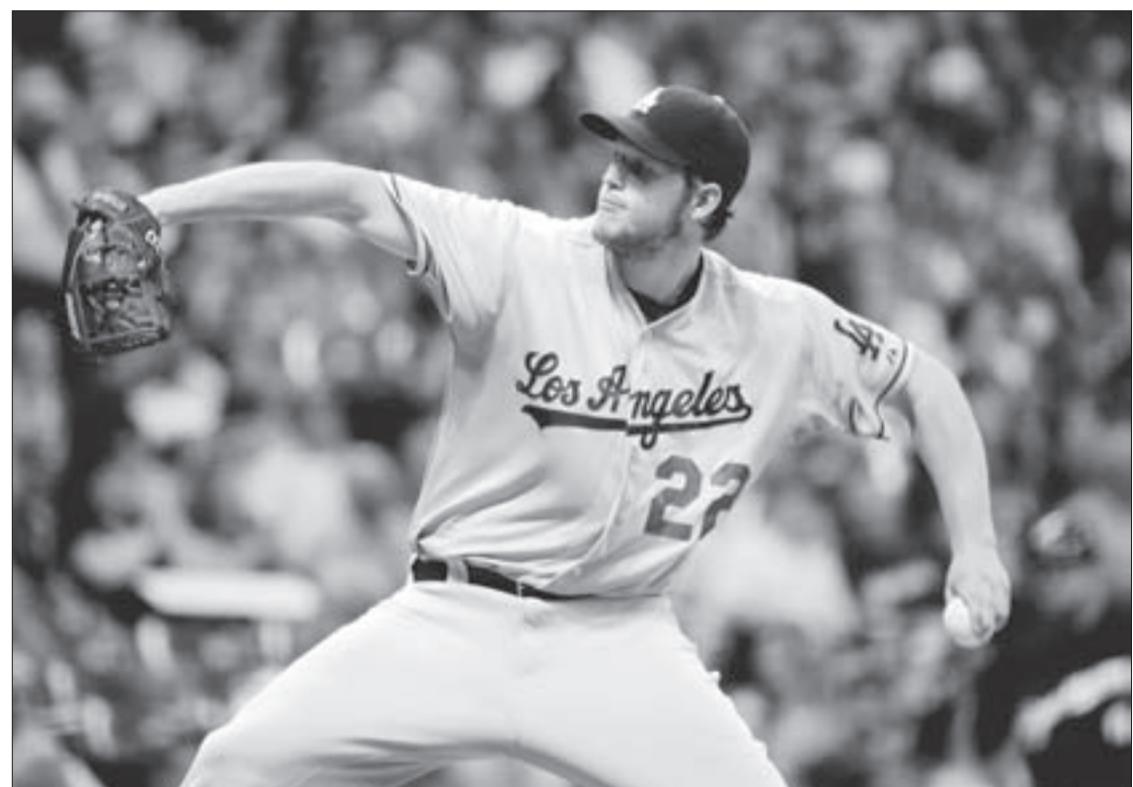
Corbin (7-0) joined Randy Johnson as the only lefties in team history to begin the season 7-0. He also turned in his club-record ninth straight start in which he's pitched at least six innings and allowed two runs or less.

Didi Gregorius drove in two runs for the NL West leaders. A.J. Pollock had three hits and scored twice. Paul Goldschmidt and Eric Chavez had RBI singles in the third.

Pinch-hitter Jordan Pacheco broke up Corbin's shutout bid with an RBI double in the eighth. Jon Garland (3-5) went six innings, allowing five runs and a season-high 11 hits.

PADRES 4, CARDINALS 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jason Marquis combined with four relievers on a four-hitter to win his fifth straight start and Will Venable homered



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Monday, May 20, 2013, in Milwaukee. Associated Press

to lead San Diego over NL Central-leading St. Louis.

Marquis (6-2) has won five consecutive starts for the first time since 2007 with the Chicago Cubs. He allowed two runs, one earned, on three hits in six innings.

Chris Denorfia went 3 for 3 with an RBI for the Padres, who have won three straight and five of seven. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances.

The Padres chased St. Louis rookie Shelby Miller (5-3) in the sixth, when they scored two runs on three walks, one hit and a hit batter. Miller entered with a 1.40 ERA, tied for the lowest in the majors.

REDS 4, METS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Bruce hit a tiebreaking homer and an RBI double to back Johnny Cueto's wild but effective return from the disabled list during Cincinnati's victory over New York.

Brandon Phillips had a two-

run single for his first career hit off Shaun Marcum (0-5) in 13 at-bats. Phillips also made two sparkling plays in the field to help the Reds bounce back from a stunning 3-2 loss to the Phillies in which closer Aroldis Chapman gave up two home runs.

Chapman, the Reds' fifth reliever, struck out two in a perfect ninth for his ninth save. He had blown his two previous save chances.

Cueto (2-0) started for the first time since leaving his April 13 outing with a strained back muscle. Making his fourth start of the season, the Reds' ace gave up three hits and three runs with eight strikeouts in five innings. But he walked four and served up a three-run homer to Marlon Byrd.

After the homer, Cueto struck out four in a row with a fastball that reached the mid-90s.

MARLINS 5, PHILLIES 1

MIAMI (AP) — Alex Sanabia outpitched Cole Hamels

in a matchup of struggling starters to lead Miami past Philadelphia.

Justin Ruggiano and Nick Green each drove in two runs for Miami in front of a season-low crowd of 13,231 at Marlins Park.

Sanabia (3-6) allowed one run and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings.

Hamels (1-7) struck out 10 in six effective innings but has not won since April 28. Dominic Brown homered for the Phillies.

Miami had 11 hits and struck out 13 times on its way to scoring more than three runs for just the second time in 13 games. The Marlins have won two straight after dropping seven in a row and 10 of 11.

INTERLEAGUE

BRAVES 5, TWINS 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Julio Teheran pitched into the ninth inning and Dan Uggla hit a three-run homer in the first as Atlanta beat struggling Minnesota for its fourth straight victory. □

My Beating Heart

By: Dr Carlos Viana

"Be still my beating heart," a romantic phrase used as early as the 1600's to signify breathless excitement brought on by strong emotions of love. This extra heart beating or sometimes, skipping of a heartbeat, as in "my heart stood still" is known medically as temporary cardiac arrhythmia. Arrhythmias of the romantic type usually do not cause permanent problems. However, some arrhythmias may be life-threatening and need medical attention.

An arrhythmia is a disruption in the rhythm of the constant beating or contraction of the heart. The primary function of the heart is to pump blood with its life giving nutrients to all parts of the body. Each heartbeat is controlled by electrical impulses which travel through the heart. In a normal heart, these impulses occur in regular intervals. When something goes wrong with the heart's electrical system, the heartbeat becomes irregular, called arrhythmia.

An arrhythmia can be silent and not cause any obvious symptoms. A doctor can detect an irregular heartbeat during a physical exam by taking your pulse or through an electrocardiogram (ECG). People who do feel their heart beating irregularly tell me that they get a feeling of skipped heart beats, fluttering or feeling that their heart is racing or "running away". Other symptoms can include: pounding

in your chest, dizziness or feeling light-headed, fainting, shortness of breath, chest discomfort, weakness or fatigue.

A region of the human heart called the sinoatrial node (SA node) or pacemaker, sets the rate and timing at which the heart contracts. The SA node is the conductor of the electrical impulses. The contractions of the heart are controlled by chemical impulses. The chemicals that produce the heart impulses are potassium, sodium, and calcium. The rate at which these impulses fire controls the heart beat rate. The flow of these minerals in and out of heart is what makes the heart beat or contract and rest.

All cells require calcium for numerous functions. Most of us know how important calcium is for our bones. A deficiency or excess of calcium in the body causes problems with the nerves and muscles. Since the heart is a muscle, changes in the amount of calcium in the blood can cause the heart to beat slower or more rapidly. This change sometimes causes confusion or even coma. When a patient tells me that their heart skipped a beat, I make sure to send them to do a blood test to find out if they have too much calcium moving freely through their blood.

Too much free calcium in the blood is a condition called hypercalcemia. Use of diuretics (water reducing products) or too much vitamin D

supplementation can increase the amount of free calcium in your blood, as can several more factors. Since most people are vitamin D deficient today, I always test vitamin D levels to be sure how much an individual should be supplementing. Excessive consumption of milk and milk products which are high in calcium and certain antacids, especially calcium carbonate or sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) are a big problem in today's diets. If you use antacids often, you should not also use milk products.

Modern diets have more calcium than magnesium. Magnesium is needed to carry the calcium into the bones. Supplementing a good diet with magnesium daily is important to balance minerals for most people. Calcium found in plant form is more readily available and absorbed in the body than pasteurized cow's milk. Cows are supposed to eat green plants like grass to get their calcium.

Humans should get their calcium from green vegetables such as broccoli and spinach. Brown rice, almonds and some beans are also good plant sources of calcium.

Standard treatment of arrhythmia includes pharmaceutical drugs and implanted automatic defibrillators or artificial pacemakers. These produce electrical impulses synthetically through the heart. However natural methods work well in prevention. Relaxation

techniques to reduce stress such as deep breathing exercises, yoga, meditation, or acupuncture are a good start. If you smoke, get help to stop, acupuncture and natural supplements such as 5 HTP (5 Hydroxy-tryptophan) can help. Hypnosis is also a proven support. Limiting intake of caffeine, alcohol and stimulant drugs, especially those found in some over the counter cough and cold medications. Some such medications contain ingredients that can cause irregular heart rhythms. Learn to read labels and ask questions.

If you notice that your irregular heart rhythm occurs more often with certain activities such as strenuous exercise, you should avoid them. I include magnesium supplementation in all my patients to help carry more calcium into the bones and support the delicate balance of heart minerals. Beans, carrots, avocados and bananas are all good sources of potassium.

People with arrhythmia have a greater chance of developing heart disease. Heart disease is still the number one cause of death in the Western World. Obesity and high blood pressure can also contribute to arrhythmia and increased risk of developing heart disease.

Although, high cholesterol is a popular belief in contributing to heart disease risk, half of all heart attacks occur in people with normal cholesterol levels. There are good (HDL) and bad cholesterol (LDL and Triglycerides).

Diet and lifestyle are also vital in controlling this, but that's another article.

Get The Point! Before you begin drugs to correct your heartbeat, get tested to check your free calcium and vitamin D levels. A clinical nutritionist can help you balance your levels of calcium, potassium and magnesium with natural foods and supplements before your "heart stands still," and you need surgery to place a pacemaker in. Let us help you "still your beating heart" with the excitement of a simple scientific test and the romance of nature.

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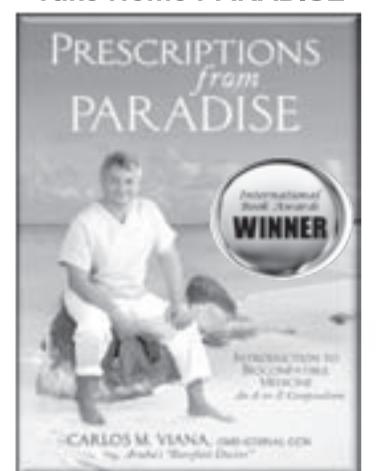
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Microsoft touts Xbox One as all-in-1 entertainment

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REDMOND, Washington

(AP) — Microsoft thinks it has the one.

The company unveiled the Xbox One, an entertainment console that wants to be the one system households will need for games, television, movies and other entertainment. It will go on sale later this year, for an undisclosed price.

For the past two years, Microsoft has led the gaming industry in console sales with the Xbox 360. But it's been eight years since that machine came out, and Microsoft is the last of the three major console makers to unveil a new system. In those eight years, Apple launched the iPhone and the iPad, "FarmVille" rose and fell and tablets began to threaten desktop computers, changing how people interact with games and beyond.

Now, the stakes are high as Microsoft, Sony and Nintendo are all using their latest machines to not only draw gamers but also command the living room. The goal is to extend their reach beyond loyal legions of hardcore gamers and to become as important to our lives at home as smartphones have become to our lives on the go.

Don Mattrick, Microsoft's president of interactive entertainment business, said

the company has spent the past four years working on the "all-in-one home entertainment system."

At an hour-long presentation at the company's Redmond, Washington, headquarters on Tuesday, Microsoft executives used voice controls to seamlessly switch back and forth between watching live TV, listening to music, playing a movie and browsing the Internet — all while running apps for fantasy football and Skype chats. It showed how users could watch live sports on TV while getting updates on their fantasy leagues on a split screen.

"It really extends the home entertainment experience," Gartner analyst Brian Blau said.

He said the console seems to appeal to "more than just a core gamer in the family" and should be of interest to all types of audiences, from sports players to TV viewers to those who are "social and want to share things."

Xbox One is the third entry in the latest round of the "console wars." It follows Nintendo Co.'s launch of the Wii U in November and Sony Corp.'s tease in February for the upcoming PlayStation 4. Each of the next-generation consoles have shifted away from simply serving as gaming machines, as they incorporate streaming media apps and social networking fea-

tures.

With the Xbox One, people will be able to connect their cable or satellite set-top box and watch TV through the game machine. The Xbox One has its own guide and lets people change channels by voice command.

Senior Vice President Yusuf Mehdi demonstrated how the console switched quickly between channels after saying show names such as "Mary and Martha" or commands like "watch MTV." His voice command of "What's on HBO?" brought up the channel guide for HBO.

"No more memorizing channels or hunting for the remote control," Mehdi said.

The interface for the TV goes well beyond the functionality in the Wii U, which still requires users to press buttons to change the input source on the TV. Xbox One seamlessly switched between games, movies and TV shows with a single voice command.

"You can switch to your game like it's a TV channel flip," said Marc Whitten, Microsoft's chief product officer of interactive entertainment business. He called it a "lag-free instant experience."

Microsoft also unveiled a new version of its camera-based Kinect system with better motion and voice detection, including the



This product image released by Microsoft shows the new Xbox One entertainment console that will go on sale later this year. Microsoft is seeking to stay ahead of rivals in announcing that new content that can be downloaded for the popular "Call of Duty" game will launch first on Xbox One.

Associated Press

ability to read faces and tell whether you're smiling or not. The Kinect will be required for Xbox One to work. The company also introduced a more ergonomic Xbox controller, with new buttons and a slightly different layout from the Xbox 360 controller. The new console will also add the ability to play Blu-ray discs, matching what Sony has in its older PlayStation 3.

Among the games previewed for Xbox One were the military shooter "Call of Duty: Ghosts" from Activision Blizzard Inc., the soccer extravaganza "FIFA 14" from Electronic Arts Inc. and the racing simulator "Forza Motorsport 5" and time bender "Quantum Break," both from Microsoft Game Studios. Microsoft

said more games will be shown at next month's E3 video game conference in Los Angeles.

The company said there will be more than 15 games available exclusively on the Xbox One in the first year after it launches, eight of them new franchises. In recent years, the Xbox has been the exclusive home to such popular gaming franchises as "Halo," "Forza" and alien shoot-'em-up "Gears of War."

Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter noted that Tuesday's presentation was more general than what Microsoft will likely give at E3, where games will be central as thousands of game industry insiders, bloggers and journalists gather for the annual industry conference. □

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Stocks gain on reassurance from a top Fed official



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stock indexes are edging higher in early trading on Wall Street Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as investors look ahead to the Federal Reserve's next moves.

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Reassuring comments from a Federal Reserve official and better earnings from two big retailers helped push the stock market higher Tuesday. Stock indexes wobbled between gains and losses in early trading, then took a turn higher just before noon. That's when news crossed that James Bullard, head of the Fed's St. Louis

branch, told an audience in Germany that the Fed ought to stick with its bond-buying effort to bolster the economic recovery.

"Those words were a salve for investors' nerves," said Lawrence Creatura, a fund manager at Federated Investors. Other Fed officials have recently talked about scaling back the program. "There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding this issue. And uncertainty and investors aren't always a happy

match." The Dow Jones industrial average rose 52.30 points to 15,387.58, a gain of 0.3 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 2.87 points to 1,669.16, a slight increase of 0.2 percent. Both the Dow and the S&P are at record highs.

Many investors were already looking ahead to Wednesday, when the Federal Reserve will release minutes from its most re-

cent policy meeting and Chairman Ben Bernanke will go before Congress to discuss his outlook for the U.S. economy.

"I think a lot of people are sitting on their hands waiting to see what the Fed says tomorrow," said Michael Binger, senior portfolio manager at Gradient Investments in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Binger said some investors believe the Fed's support is the main reason the stock market has soared to all-time highs. If the Fed pulls back, they reason, the market's epic rally would come to an end.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 5.69 points to 3,502.12, a 0.2 percent gain.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. gained 1.4 percent. Shareholders of the country's biggest bank voted to allow Jamie Dimon to keep his two titles, CEO and chairman of the board. Groups had pushed to split the two jobs, a drive that gained momentum from a multi-billion trading loss last year. The bank's stock rose 73 cents to \$53.02. Home Depot surged 2.5 percent. The retailer reported an 18 percent increase in quarterly income as the housing market continued

to recover. Home Depot rose \$1.95 to \$78.71.

Among other companies posting quarterly results, AutoZone jumped 5 percent. Better sales and shrinking costs helped the auto-parts company beat analysts' earnings forecasts. AutoZone leapt \$18.79 to \$427.84.

It has been another solid earnings season for big companies, with corporate profits hitting all-time highs even as revenue barely rises. Seven of every 10 companies in the S&P 500 have trumped Wall Street's earnings forecasts, according to S&P Capital IQ. First-quarter earnings are on track to climb 5 percent over the year before. Revenue is expected to rise just 1 percent. In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 1.93 percent from 1.96 percent late Monday.

In commodities trading, crude oil sank 55 cents to settle at \$96.16 a barrel. The price of gold fell \$6.50 to \$1,377.60 an ounce, extending a slump that has knocked gold down 18 percent this year. Tame inflation, a stronger dollar and a surging stock market have undermined gold's appeal. □

Best Buy reports 1Q loss on restructuring costs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Best Buy Co. on Tuesday reported a loss for its fiscal first quarter as it sold its stake in Best Buy Europe and works on a turnaround plan that includes cutting costs and closing some stores.

Its adjusted earnings beat Wall Street expectations, as cost cuts helped offset tough pricing competition during the quarter. But shares fell 5 percent in mid-day trading. The company has been working on a turnaround plan as it faces increased competition from online retailers and discount stores. The plan includes closing stores, cutting costs and investing in training for its employees. In April it also said it would sell its 50 percent stake in

its European joint venture to streamline its business and strengthen its balance sheet.

CEO Hubert Joly said the company is working on improving its e-commerce offerings, replacing its search platform with better technology, redesigning parts of its Web site and making other Web site upgrades. The changes are needed because 80 percent of all customers who are planning to buy gadgets worth \$100 or more are researching the product online before going into a store, Joly said. "That means 'showrooming' is not starting in our retail store, it is starting online and we are not showing up on the first page a fair share of the

time," Joly said. Brian Sozzi, CEO and chief equities strategist at Belus Capital Advisers, said the

report shows that Best Buy's restructuring is beginning to pay off.

"Best Buy is starting to run



Miele Account Manager Natasha Feldman showcases a Miele steam oven at the Pacific Sales at the Best Buy store in Glendale, Calif. Best Buy Co. Inc. reported a loss for its quarterly financials on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

a tighter ship in which demand is properly aligned with inventory," he said. Key is its "operational overhaul that is both removing oodles of wasteful processes and repositioning the company for relevance in a competitive industry."

The electronics retailer says net loss for the three months ended May 4 after paying preferred dividends totaled \$81 million, or 24 cents per share. That compares with net income of \$158 million, or 46 cents per share, last year. Excluding restructuring costs and costs related to selling its stake in Best Buy Europe, it earned 36 cents per share. That beat the 24 cents per share that analysts expected, according to FactSet. □

Oil drops as traders wait for Fed and supply data

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil fell Tuesday as investors waited for the Federal Reserve's latest views on the U.S. economy.

Benchmark crude for June delivery dropped 55 cents to \$96.16 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Wednesday, Fed chairman Ben Bernanke will appear before Congress and the central bank will release minutes of its most recent policy meeting. Traders will be looking for hints on what the Fed might be preparing to do in light of recent data that has pointed toward a sustained economic recovery. There is speculation that the Fed might want to scale back or modify its loose monetary policy and its \$85 billion-a-month program of bond purchases intended to keep interest rates low and prop up the recovery. Investors will also be monitoring fresh information on U.S. stockpiles of crude and refined products. Data for the week ending May 17 is expected to show declines of 1.2 million barrels in crude oil stocks and of 200,000 barrels in gasoline stocks, according to a survey of analysts by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill. The American Petroleum Institute will release its report on oil stocks later Tuesday, while the report from the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration — the market benchmark — will be out on Wednesday. Brent crude, a benchmark for many international oil varieties, fell 89 cents to \$103.91 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London. In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

- Wholesale gasoline fell 6 cents to \$2.85 a gallon.
- Heating oil lost 2 cents to \$2.93 a gallon.
- Natural gas added 10 cents to \$4.19 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

JPMorgan: Dimon survives shareholder referendum

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AP Business Writer

TAMPA, Florida (AP) —

Shareholders at JPMorgan Chase voted to let Jamie Dimon, the chairman and CEO, keep both his jobs. At the bank's annual meeting, just 32 percent of shareholders voted for

Shareholder groups lobbying for the split gained momentum from a surprise \$6 billion trading loss last year, which tarnished the reputation of both JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Dimon. The bank and Dimon had argued that letting Dimon keep both jobs was

has been hurt over the past year over fallout from the so-called "London whale" trading loss, nicknamed for its size and the location of the trader who made the outsized bets on complex debt securities that went wrong.

In the previous six annual



The front of one of the JPMorgan Chase & Co. buildings is shown during the annual meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2013, in Tampa, Fla. It was a pivotal day for Jamie Dimon, head of the country's biggest bank, whose shareholders voted to keep him in his role as bank chairman.

(AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

a non-binding measure that would have advised the bank to split the roles. That's less than the 40 percent vote that a similar proposal received last year.

the most effective form of leadership.

Dimon emerged from the financial crisis heading one of the strongest banks in the U.S. But his reputation

meetings where Dimon has been both chairman and CEO, shareholders have been asked about separating the roles four times. Last year marked the high-

est level of votes in favor of the idea. In 2007 and 2008, only about 15 percent of shareholders voted for similar measures.

Investors welcomed the news that the measure had been defeated. JPMorgan's stock was up 2 percent, or \$1.09, at \$53.38 in midday trading. The stock is at its highest level in 12 years.

The shareholder meeting, held at company offices on the outskirts of Tampa, Fla., had fewer theatrics than last year's meeting, which was held just days after the trading loss was disclosed. Last year, two or three dozen protesters showed up. On Tuesday, one woman with a cardboard sign was spotted, but only briefly.

The bank is facing regulatory investigations and lawsuits, not only over the trading loss but other practices including foreclosures and alleged rigging of power prices.

Michael Garland from the New York City Comptroller's Office, which supports splitting the roles, said he appreciated that JPMorgan led its peers by certain financial measures. But, he added, "it also leads its peers in regulatory investigations." □

Sprint boosts buyout offer for Clearwire

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas (AP) — Sprint Nextel Corp.

is offering 14 percent more than before for the stake in wireless data network operator Clearwire Corp. it does not already own, but a large shareholder said the offer was still inadequate. Sprint said Tuesday that it is offering \$3.40 per share, or \$2.5 billion, for the remainder of Clearwire Corp. Its previous offer, from December, was for \$2.97 per share.

Sprint said this is its best and final offer, but investors appear to hold out some hope of an even better offer. Clearwire shares jumped 15 cents, or 4.6 percent, to \$3.41 in afternoon trading, just above Sprint's offer.

A vote on the previous offer had been scheduled for Tuesday, but Clearwire said it is postponing it until May 31.

Clearwire's board had already accepted the earlier offer, but minority shareholders have opposed it. A vocal shareholder, Crest Financial, said Tuesday that the new offer was also inadequate. It said Sprint, as the majority shareholder, was strong-arming smaller ones. It wants Clearwire to pursue a competitive bidding process instead.

Sprint is Clearwire's only major wholesale customer and uses its network to provide "Sprint 4G" service. Sprint has accepted a buyout offer from Softbank Corp. of Japan, giving

it the financial means to consolidate its ownership of Clearwire. But both Sprint and Clearwire have gotten competing bids from satellite TV broadcaster Dish Network Corp., which wants to get into the wireless business.

Clearwire's main asset is its wireless spectrum — space on the airwaves — that could be used to provide high data download speeds. Those are a crucial competitive factor in today's wireless industry. But Clearwire's frequencies are difficult to use. They require many cell towers to cover an area, and the signals don't penetrate well into buildings.

Clearwire is based in Bellevue, Washington.

Separately, Sprint said it can now let Dish see its books and talk with Dish to see whether its competing offer to buy Sprint is better than its current deal with SoftBank. Sprint said late Monday that SoftBank had waived provisions of its deal with Sprint that will allow Sprint to talk with Dish. SoftBank currently has a \$20.1 billion deal with Sprint to buy 70 percent of the company. Dish last month offered \$25.5 billion for the whole company. SoftBank says it brings expertise and cash to Sprint. It says it still wants to close its deal by July 1. Many Wall Street analysts view Dish's bid as superior but risky, as it will result in a combined company with high debt. □

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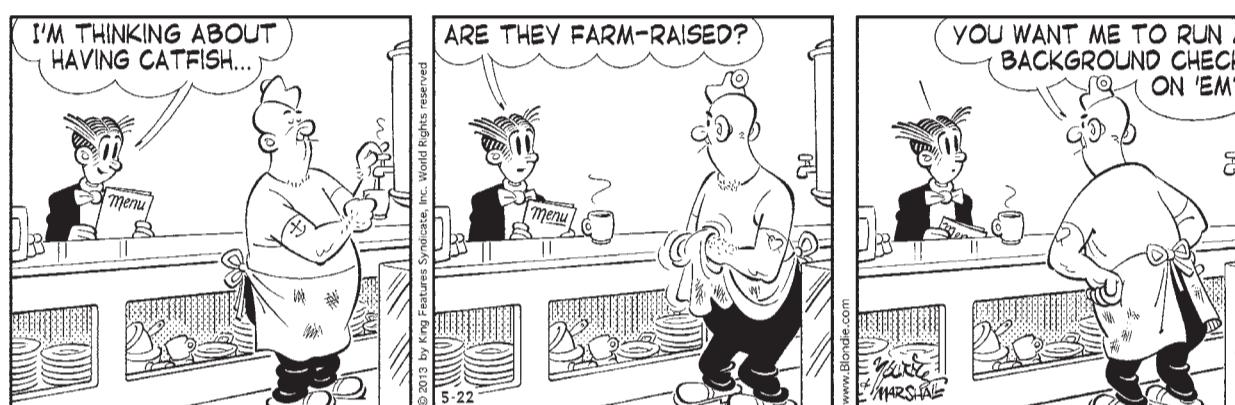


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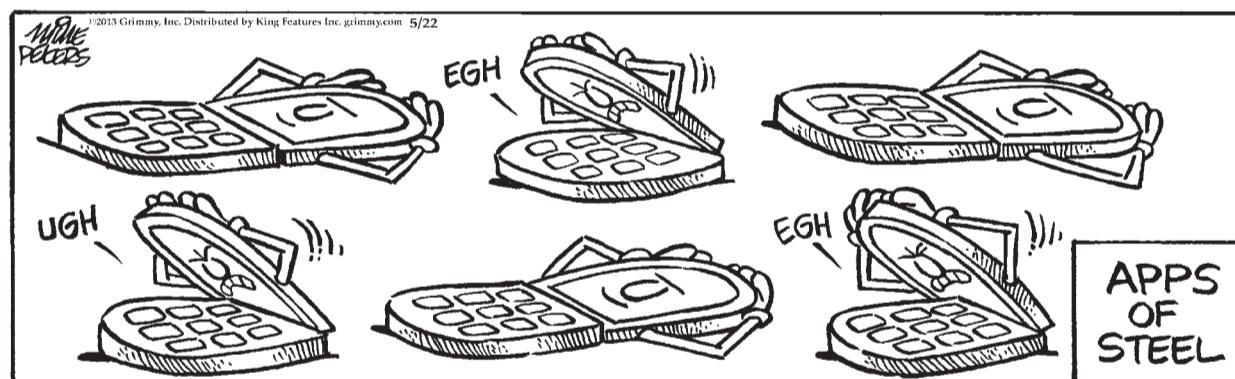
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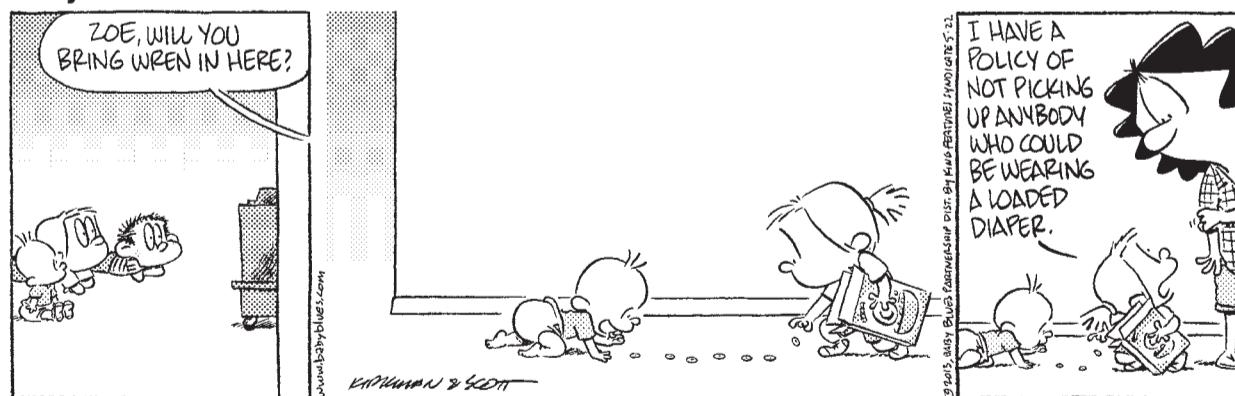
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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 31 Growl, baring the teeth
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Venezuela: TV host goes off air after audio scandal

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

KARL RITTER

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — A prominent Venezuelan talk show host has gone off the air after allegedly being caught on tape discussing politics inside Venezuela's ruling party with a Cuban intelligence official.

Mario Silva, whose show on state TV features verbal attacks against the socialist government's opponents, said that he would go on sick leave for "several days." The announcement on his program "La Hojilla" (The Razor Blade) late Monday came hours after opposition lawmaker Ismael Garcia released a recording in which Silva purportedly is heard discussing divisions in the government following the death of President Hugo Chavez.

Garcia said Silva was talking to a Cuban intelligence official he identified as Lt. Col. Aramis Palacios. Garcia didn't say when the conversation was recorded or how he obtained it. Silva said the recording was "absolutely fake" and

suggested it had been put together by editing clips from his show, which has been on the air for nine years.

"I'm going to be off the air for a few days," Silva said on the late-night show. "But let me tell you something: I insist I don't owe anyone an apology, because I haven't done anything that isn't revolutionary."

He said that he had previously received medical treatment in Cuba, and that he was hospitalized over the weekend for "complications" related to his gallbladder.

The opposition has long accused Cuban leaders of wielding influence behind the scenes in guiding Venezuelan government decisions. The government, meanwhile, accuses opposition leader Henrique Capriles of being a puppet of the U.S.

During his 14-year reign as president, Chavez forged close ties with Cuba, where he was treated for the cancer that killed him March 5. Venezuela has shipped billions of dollars' worth of

oil to Cuba on preferential terms.

In the recording, a man identified as Silva says he worries that parliament leader Diosdado Cabello, a former army officer, is conspiring against President Nicolas Maduro, who narrowly defeated Capriles in an April 14 election.

At one point, the voice says Maduro's opponents in the party want to remove Defense Minister Diego Molero.

"Why do they want to remove him, Palacios? To be able to take the armed forces and put pressure on Maduro or to behave as they please or to pull a coup d'état," the man says.

Silva dismissed the recording on Twitter as a "montage" and suggested U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies were behind it. □

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Should we let wunderkinds drop out of high school?

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It's one thing to say tech geniuses don't need degrees. After all, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg all dropped out of college. But now we've got David Karp, who doesn't even have a high school diploma. Karp, 26, founded Tumblr, the online blogging forum, and sold it to Yahoo for \$1.1 billion. U.S. high school students are roughly between the ages of 14 and 18.

Which raises the question: When is it OK for a wunderkind to drop out of school? Some folks in Silicon Valley and elsewhere say a conventional education can't possibly give kids with outsize talents what they need. Others, like Vivek Wadhwa, a fellow at Stanford Law School who teaches and advises startup companies, say dropping out to pursue a dream is like "buying a lottery ticket — that's how good your odds are here. More likely than not, you will become unemployed. For every success, there are 100,000 failures."

But what about kids who are so good at computer programming that schools can't teach them what they need to know? "That's what internships are for; that's what extracurricular activities are for," says Wadhwa, who has founded two companies.

Karp, in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, said he hopes teenagers don't look at his success as an excuse for leaving school. "That is not a path that I would haphazardly recommend to kids out there," he said. "I was in a very unique po-

sition of knowing exactly what I wanted to do at a time when computer science education certainly wasn't that good in high school in New York City." Karp's mother gave him the option of home-schooling when he was

internship at an animation production company, but by age 16, he was working for a website and was on his way to become a tech entrepreneur. He never did get his diploma. Karp's mother told the AP that she let him leave school

ed to learn more than what the schools wanted to teach him. At times it was very frustrating. I was fortunate to find people that were able to teach him more, but he has gone beyond what high school could ever give him."

Thomas has been working at a research lab at the esteemed Massachusetts Institute of Technology since he was 13, developing projects ranging from augmented reality eyewear to laser communications systems. He just won a Thiel Fellowship, which gives \$100,000 to 20 people under the age of 20 each year so they can skip college to focus on research or a dream, whether it's a high-tech project, a business or a nonprofit. But his mom says she would have let him drop out even if he hadn't won the award. "The part that really bothers me is that there are a lot of Thomases out there and their needs are not being met," said Mills. Thomas says he's sad to be leaving his teenage friends behind, but he's excited about the future. And he has mixed feelings about his years in school. "I've had some amazing, great teachers that really have the passion to teach, but most of what is in school now is teaching to a test," he said. "It's really sad. You're not learning the skills for how to solve the problem — you are just learning the answer to this question that is going to be on the test."

Susan Bartell, a psychologist based in Port Washington, New York who works with adolescents and their families, says she frequently encounters parents who are convinced that their

kids are extraordinarily gifted. But she cautions that it's "the very rare exception when this decision (to drop out) makes sense." In the case of Karp, she said, "it worked out, but almost always it doesn't — even if a kid is extremely gifted. School is about much more than just academics and in most cases, even the most gifted kids need the socializing."

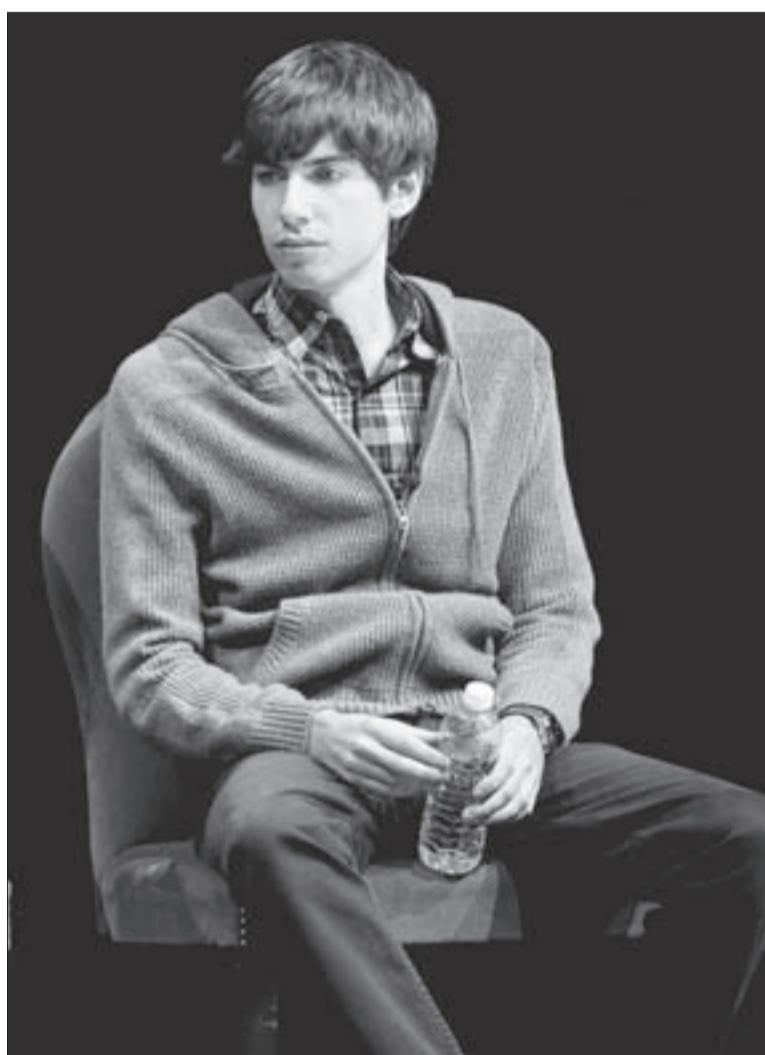
And not all young moguls take Karp's route. Earlier this year, a 17-year-old from London, Nick D'Aloisio, sold an app he created to Yahoo for \$30 million — but he decided to stay in school.

On the other hand, there are examples of successful individuals in many fields who lack a high school diploma, from top performers such as Jay-Z to billionaire businessmen such as Richard Branson.

The tech community may be different from other industries. Degrees are not necessarily seen as a hallmark of achievement and programmers are judged on their ability to type lines of code. You are what you create. What also sets the field apart is that computer programming is not taught at every high school, and even when it is, the most talented students often either "surpass the curriculum or feel it's not relevant to them," said Danielle Strachman, program director for the Thiel Fellowship. "They want to move at their own pace."

Strachman also emphasized that just because someone has left school, doesn't mean they've stopped learning. The Thiel program provides not just funding, but a community of peers and mentors to help recipients reach their goals. And they can always go back to pursue a degree when the fellowship is over.

It's a goal that even Karp has his eye on — despite his newfound wealth. "I hope I have an opportunity to go to school at some point," he said, "and study something completely different." □



In this Oct. 1, 2012 file photo, Tumblr founder David Karp participates in the "Bloomberg Leadership Summit" seminar in New York. In a deal announced Monday, May 20, 2013, Yahoo is buying New York-based Tumblr, the online blogging forum, for \$1.1 billion. About \$275 million will go to Karp, 26, who dropped out of high school to concentrate on computer programming and started Tumblr six years ago.

Associated Press

14, after he completed his freshman year at the Bronx High School of Science, an elite New York City public school that only admits students who score well on a difficult entrance exam. Karp took Japanese classes and had a math tutor while continuing with an

because she realized "he needed the time in the day in order to create." That resonates with Penny Mills of Hudson, Massachusetts, who let her son Thomas Sohmers, 17, drop out of 11th grade this year. "I could see how much of the work he was doing at school wasn't relevant to what he wanted to learn," she said. "He always want-

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Singer-songwriter Carole King poses for photographers before an event to honor her with the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, at the Library of Congress, Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in Washington. Associated Press

Library honors Carole King with U.S. pop music prize

BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Carole King isn't done with music — not yet anyway.

The 71-year-old singer-songwriter known for such hits as "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" and "You've Got A Friend" is being awarded the highest U.S. prize for popular music Tuesday. She will receive the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song at the Library of Congress and will be

honored Wednesday by President Barack Obama at the White House.

King told The Associated Press it's a tremendous honor to be recognized at such an historic place.

Last year, King hinted she might retire. Now she plans to introduce a new song for the Gershwin Prize that she wrote with Hal David entitled "I Believe in Loving You." She plans to release it as a single next month in tribute to David. □

Carol Burnett to win top U.S. humor prize

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Carol Burnett, who became famous for playing a variety of characters in sketch comedy routines on her namesake American television show, was named the winner of the nation's top humor prize on Tuesday. The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts said Burnett will receive the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor on Oct. 20 in Washington. A gala performance will feature top names in comedy.

The 80-year-old Burnett said she can't believe she is receiving the prize.

"It's almost impossible to be funnier than the people in Washington," she said in a statement.

Burnett had her breakout on Broadway in "Once

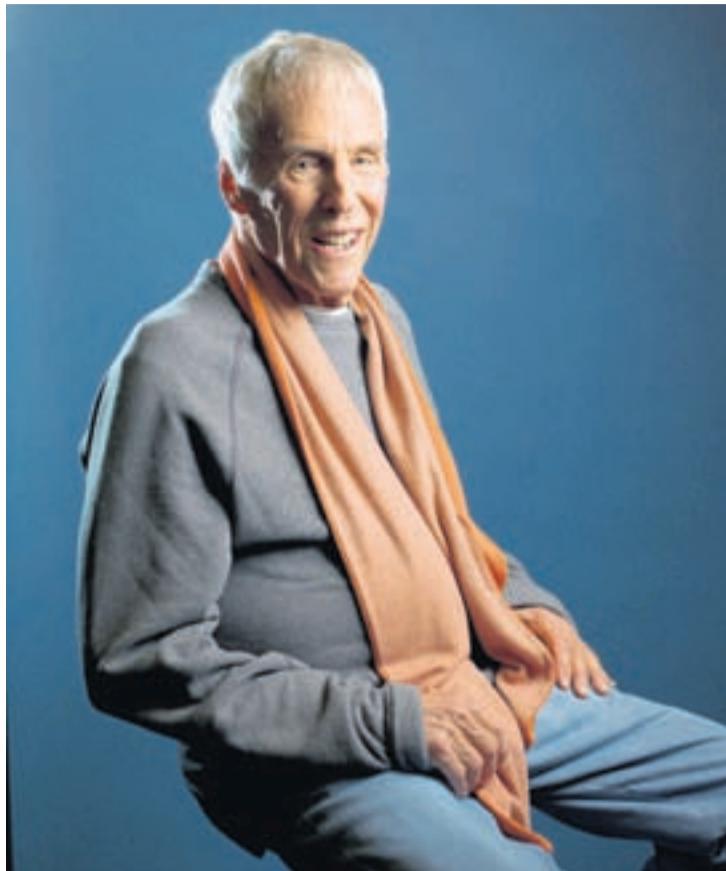


In this March 12, 2008 file photo, actress and comedienne Carol Burnett performs her famous Tarzan yell during her appearance on the NBC "Today" television program in New York.

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Upon a Mattress," performing at night in 1959 while also appearing in the mornings on TV's "The Gary Moore Show." □

Burt Bacharach opens up on daughter's suicide



This May 6, 2013 photo shows composer Burt Bacharach posing for a portrait in promotion of his memoir, "Anyone Who Had A Heart: My Life and Music," in New York.

Associated Press

JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) —

Burt Bacharach knew writing a memoir would be emotional — not because of his never-heard backstage tales or his tumultuous marriages. He knew that being honest would force him to come to terms with the death of his daughter.

"It was very tough because I had to revisit what that period was and go deeper into it," he said of his daughter Nikki's premature birth, years of emotional issues, and eventual suicide at the age of 40.

The 84-year-old award-winning music composer of such classics as "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," the Oscar-winning "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," and The Carpenters' "(They Long to Be) Close to You," understood that baring his deep, dark secrets was essential to his recently released autobiography,

"Anyone Who Had a Heart: My Life and Music" (Harper).

The idea for a memoir came long before Nikki's

death in 2007. Bacharach had Nikki with former wife Angie Dickinson, best known for her role on the seventies drama, "Police Woman."

"(Nikki) was one-pound, 10 ounces at birth, you should know the deck is stacked against you then," Bacharach said.

According to Bacharach, she grew up with emotional issues, which he later found out was an undiagnosed case of Asperger's syndrome (the autism spectrum disorder is a relatively new diagnosis.)

"Nobody said she's got Asperger's or she's got autism. (They said) she's just got behavior things," he said.

But after suffering for so long, he never imagined she would actually kill herself.

"It's like the boy who cried wolf. Somebody who says, 'I can't stand it. The helicopters are making too much noise and the gardeners and the blowers are making too much noise and if they don't stop I'm going to kill myself,'" he said.

he said, his voice cracking. "And you hear that enough and you know it's never gonna happen and then one day she just goes and kills herself."

She committed suicide in her southern California apartment.

"When she did kill herself she did it alone, Textbook 101. Bag over her head. Alone. Kind of brave I guess for somebody who (was) scared of so many things and (she) left a note to me."

He later realized that the signs were always there, but thought that the strong relationship she had with her mother would prevent it from ever happening.

"They had a very connected, symbiotic relationship," he said, adding, "We all did everything we could. I did what I thought would be the right thing and it wasn't the right thing and I was just trying to get her better."

Bacharach was referring to the painful decision to send her away to a special school. He feels he made the decision because Nikki was not properly diagnosed. Because Nikki spent some time away from her mother, he feels she always held that against him.

"There was always that resentment that I kind of imprisoned her and the last thing in the world you know," he said. "I wish somebody would have just said, you're not going to heal her, let her be."

Asperger's syndrome is a pervasive developmental disorder on the autism spectrum. People with Asperger's often have high intelligence and vast knowledge on narrow subjects but lack social skills.

With his family struggles hidden from the world, Bacharach continued to make great music.

"I was always able to alleviate the noise, some of the noise with what was going on with Nikki becoming a Sikh, or whatever, because I would go to my music." □



In this Oct. 30, 2012, file photo Toby Keith performs at the 60th Annual BMI Country Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

Toby Keith says Oklahoma hometown is 'resilient'

CHRIS TALBOTT

AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Tornadoes are a part of life in Moore, Oklahoma, something country star Toby Keith was reminded of when a deadly, devastating one leveled parts of his hometown on Monday. "It's happened so many times through my life, I've been in so many," Keith said in a phone interview Tuesday. "During my life, probably on average every four or five years, you probably have one that's devastating. ... It affects you, somebody you know, every time."

This time it affected his sister, Tonni.

Keith flew out of the Moore area at about noon Monday and said the gathering clouds on the western horizon gave him a bad feeling. After he arrived in his Nashville recording studio, he watched the storm system on an iPad app. So when he saw the tornado rolling through his old neighborhood and toward his sister's house, he picked up the phone to warn her. "She said, 'We're safe. We're south of it, but we can see it,'" Keith recalled.

"She was at my mother's about a mile away. I said, 'Well, good.' Then she got to watch it go right through her neighborhood."

Keith said he had tornadoes pass near his house on consecutive days. Monday's storm killed at least 24 — including nine schoolchildren — in Moore, a suburb of 56,000 southwest of Oklahoma City. Keith said he didn't want to downplay the disaster, but that the people of the area are "resilient" and will rebound.

"It's just devastating but there's probably nobody better prepared for tornadoes than Oklahoma, especially the Moore area," Keith said. "That is known as Tornado Alley, Twister Alley. They'll rebuild, but it was just awful those kids were in school when it happened."

During recording breaks, Keith has fielded calls about putting together a benefit for tornado victims. "I know as soon as I start sending out some feelers that I'll get a lot of people in there," Keith said. "Hopefully, we can use music to heal some of the money problems right away." □

At last: 'Arrested' is reborn Sunday on Netflix



This undated publicity photo released by Netflix shows David Cross, left, and Portia de Rossi in a scene from "Arrested Development," premiering May 26, 2013 on Netflix. The sitcom, also starring Jason Bateman and Will Arnett, was canceled by Fox in 2006 after three seasons.

Associated Press

FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Portia de Rossi only believed it was happening when her agent got the good news from the producers. Michael Cera only believed it was happening when the cameras rolled.

It happened all right. After years of clamoring from fans and rumors firing them up while the cast hung on for a green light, "Arrested Development" has risen from the dead with 15 half-hours premiering en masse on Netflix on Sunday at 3:01 a.m. EDT.

"Arrested Development" is the cock-eyed comedy blessed with a king's ransom of talent and the twisted vision of its mastermind, Mitch Hurwitz, that aired on Fox for three seasons as a cult favorite, then was canceled for low ratings — and maybe because it befuddled everyone who wasn't hooked on its lunacy. (Those original three seasons are available for streaming on Netflix, too.)

"I think the show scored some 'cool points' for dying before its time," says Cera. "But there are still a lot more places for it to go."

Yes, "Arrested Development" died young with a beautiful, if funny-to-look-at, corpse. But its fans weren't ready to bury it. And said so.

"Clearly a lot of people DIDN'T like the show," Jason Bateman allows, "so I guess all we were hearing from were those who do — and that happens to be a brand of people who are not afraid of speaking their minds."

Now reanimated by public outcry, "Arrested" is going new places.

"Mitch and the cast didn't want to do something not as good as the old series," says Bateman (who plays Michael Bluth, the fractious family's would-be mediating presence). "We didn't want to do something lateral or just a retread."

"I think it's new at every opportunity," says Cera (who plays Michael Bluth's straight-arrow son), "while retaining the show's original heart."

The new Netflix season takes the form of what you might call an anthology as it updates viewers, character by character with each episode, on the Bluth family — that once-wealthy, now-broke and at-each-

other's-throats clan squabbling in Newport Beach, Calif.

A wicked homage to the scandals of Enron and Tyco and a loopy foreshadowing of the 2008 Wall Street meltdown, "Arrested" premiered in 2003 as a send-up of high-end vanities, greed and corruption as displayed within the Bluth family circle.

Besides de Rossi, Cera and Bateman, the cast of "Arrested" Redux brings back Will Arnett, Alia Shawkat, Tony Hale, David Cross, Jeffrey Tambor and Jessica Walter, who reconvened in a strategic yet catch-as-catch-can fashion.

"There was no reality where we could get everybody for a full 7- or 8-month period," explains Hurwitz. "That gave birth to the form we came up with for the new series."

The 15 episodes dwell on individual characters during the six-year span from when the series was canceled in 2006 up through 2012.

That structure was supposed to make it simple to book each actor for an isolated shooting schedule. Then Hurwitz took his creativity another step. □

All The Lonely People



ROSS DOUTHAT

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Over the past decade, the United States has become a less violent country in every way save one. As Americans commit fewer and fewer crimes against other people's lives and property, they have become more likely to inflict fatal violence on themselves.

In the 1990s, the suicide rate dipped with the crime rate. But since 2000, it has risen, and jumped particularly sharply among the middle-aged. The suicide rate for Americans 35 to 54 increased nearly 30 percent between 1999 and 2010; for men in their 50s, it rose nearly 50 percent. More Americans now die of suicide than in car accidents, and gun suicides are almost twice as common as gun homicides. This trend is striking without necessarily being surprising. As the University of Virginia sociologist Brad Wilcox pointed out recently, there's a strong link between suicide and weakened social ties: people – and especially men – become more likely to kill themselves "when they get disconnected from society's core institutions (e.g., marriage, religion) or when their economic prospects take a dive (e.g., unemployment)." That's exactly what we've seen happen lately among the middle-aged male population, whose suicide rates have climbed the fastest: a retreat from family obligations, from civic and religious participation, and from full-time paying work. The hard question facing 21st-century America is whether this retreat from community can reverse itself, or whether an aging society dealing with structural unemployment and declining birth and marriage rates is simply destined to leave more people disconnected, anxious and alone. Right now, the pessimistic scenario seems more plausible. In an essay for The New Republic about the consequences of loneliness for public health, Judith Shulevitz reports that one in three Americans over 45 identifies as chronically lonely, up from just one in five a decade ago. "With baby boomers reaching retirement age at a rate of 10,000 a day," she notes, "the number of lonely Americans will surely spike."

There are public and private ways to manage this loneliness epidemic – through social workers, therapists, even pets. And the Internet, of course, promises endless forms of virtual community to replace or supplement the real.

But all of these alternatives seem destined to leave certain basic human yearnings unad-

dressed.

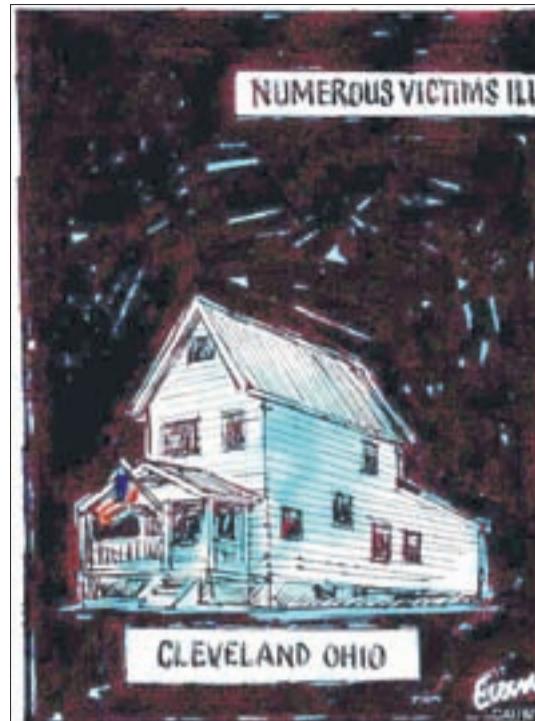
For many people, the strongest forms of community are still the traditional ones – the kind forged by shared genes, shared memory, shared geography. And neither Facebook nor a life coach nor a well-meaning bureaucracy is likely to compensate for these forms' attenuation and decline.

This point is illustrated, richly, in one of the best books of the spring, Rod Dreher's memoir, "The Little Way of Ruthie Leming," an account of his sister's death from cancer at the age of 42. A journalist and author, Dreher had left their small Louisiana hometown behind decades before and never imagined coming back. But watching how the rural community rallied around his sister in her crisis, and how being rooted in a specific place carried her family through its drawn-out agony, inspired him to reconsider, and return.

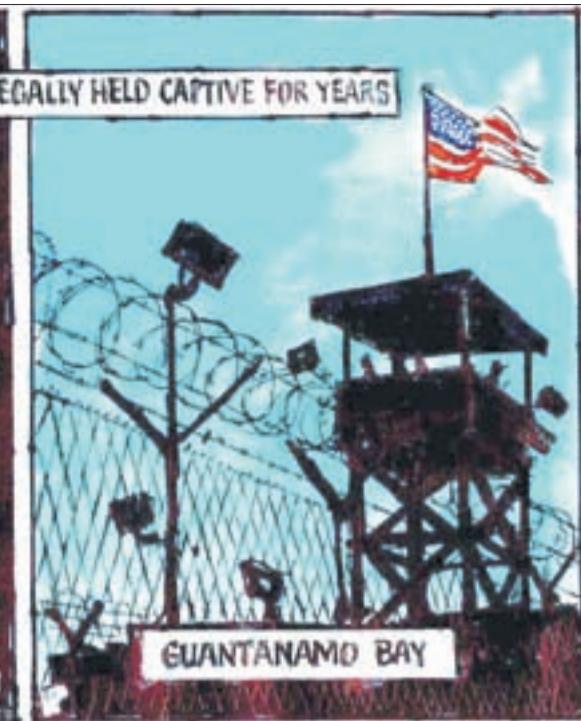
What makes "The Little Way" such an illuminating book, though, is that it doesn't just uncritically celebrate the form of community that its author rediscovered in his hometown. It also explains why he left in the first place: because being a bookish kid made him a target for bullying, because his relationship with his father was oppressive, because he wasn't as comfortable as his sister in a world of traditions, obligations, rules. Because community can imprison as well as sustain, and sometimes it needs to be escaped in order to be appreciated. In today's society, that escape is easier than ever before. And that's a great gift to many people: If you don't have much in common with your relatives and neighbors, if you're gay or a genius (or both), if you're simply restless and footloose, the world can feel much less lonely than it would have in the past. Our society is often kinder to differences and eccentricities than past eras, and our economy rewards extraordinary talent more richly than ever before. The problem is that as it's grown easier to be remarkable and unusual, it's arguably grown harder to be ordinary. To be the kind of person who doesn't want to write his own life script, or invent her own idiosyncratic career path. To enjoy the stability and comfort of inherited obligations and expectations, rather than constantly having to strike out on your own. To follow a "little way" rather than a path of great ambition. To be more like Ruthie Leming than her brother.

Too often, and probably increasingly, not enough Americans will have what the Lemings had – a place that knew them intimately, a community to lean on, a strong network in a time of trial.

Absent such blessings, it's all too understandable that some people enduring suffering and loneliness would end up looking not for help or support, but for a way to end it all. □



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What Our Words Tell Us



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About two years ago, the folks at Google released a database of 5.2 million books published between 1500 and 2008. You can type a search word into the database and find out how frequently different words were used at different epochs.

The database doesn't tell you how the words were used; it just tells you how frequently they were used. Still, results can reveal interesting cultural shifts. For example, somebody typed the word "cocaine" into the search engine and found that the word was surprisingly common in the Victorian era. Then it gradually declined during the 20th century until around 1970, when usage skyrocketed.

I'd like to tell a story about the last half-century, based on studies done with this search engine. The first element in this story is rising individualism. A study by Jean M. Twenge, W. Keith Campbell and Brittany Gentile found that between 1960 and 2008 individualistic words and phrases increasingly overshadowed communal words and phrases.

That is to say, over those 48 years, words and phrases like "personalized," "self," "stand-out," "unique," "I come first" and "I can do it myself" were used more frequently. Communal words and phrases like "community," "collective," "tribe," "share," "united," "band together" and "common good" receded.

The second element of the story is demoralization. A study by Pelin Kesebir and Selin Kesebir found that general moral terms like "virtue," "decency" and "conscience" were used less frequently over the course of the 20th century. Words associated with moral excellence, like "honesty," "patience" and "compassion" were used much less frequently.

The Kesebirs identified 50 words associated with moral virtue and found that 74 percent were used less frequently as the century progressed. Certain types of virtues were especially hard hit. Usage of courage words like "bravery" and "fortitude" fell by 66 percent. Usage of gratitude words like "thankfulness" and "appreciation" dropped by 49 percent. Usage of humility words like "modesty" and "humbleness" dropped by 52 percent. Usage of compassion words like "kindness" and "helpfulness" dropped by 56 percent. Meanwhile, usage of words associated with the ability to deliver, like "discipline" and "dependability" rose over the century, as did the usage of words associated with fairness. The Kesebirs point out that these sorts of virtues are most relevant to economic production and exchange. Daniel Klein of George Mason University has conducted one of the broadest studies with the Google search engine. He found further evidence of the two elements I've mentioned. On the subject of individualization, he found that the word "preferences" was barely used until about 1930, but usage has surged since. On the general subject of demoralization, he finds a long decline of usage in terms like "faith," "wisdom," "ought," "evil" and "prudence," and a sharp rise in what you might call social science terms like "subjectivity," "normative," "psychology" and "information."

Klein adds the third element to our story, which he calls "governmentalization." Words having to do with experts have shown a steady rise. So have

phrases like "run the country," "economic justice," "nationalism," "priorities," "right-wing" and "left-wing." The implication is that politics and government have become more prevalent. So the story I'd like to tell is this: Over the past half-century, society has become more individualistic. As it has become more individualistic, it has also become less morally aware, because social and moral fabrics are inextricably linked. The atomization and demoralization of society have led to certain forms of social breakdown, which government has tried to address, sometimes successfully and often impotently.

This story, if true, should cause discomfort on right and left. Conservatives sometimes argue that if we could just reduce government to the size it was back in, say, the 1950s, then America would be vibrant and free again. But the underlying sociology and moral culture is just not there anymore. Government could be smaller when the social fabric was more tightly knit, but small government will have different and more cataclysmic effects today when it is not.

Liberals sometimes argue that our main problems come from the top: a self-dealing elite, the oligarchic bankers. But the evidence suggests that individualism and demoralization are pervasive up and down society, and may be even more pervasive at the bottom. Liberals also sometimes talk as if our problems are fundamentally economic, and can be addressed politically, through redistribution. But maybe the root of the problem is also cultural. The social and moral trends swamp the proposed redistributive remedies. Evidence from crude data sets like these are prone to confirmation bias. People see patterns they already believe in. Maybe I've done that here. But these gradual shifts in language reflect tectonic shifts in culture. We write less about community bonds and obligations because they're less central to our lives. □



Soft-shell crabs are fried in a cast iron pan.
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I once worked for an old-school chef who claimed that everything sold better with the name "amandine" (or "almondine" as it was called, incorrectly, on the menu).

And it's true. With many fish dishes, it's hard to go wrong with a sauce of browned butter, lemon and some kind of toasted nut - almonds, hazelnuts or pecans. Many a trout, sole or halibut steak has been enhanced in this crowd-pleasing way. Though it may seem trite, pedestrian or downright old-fashioned, when it's executed well, it can be awfully good.

This time of year, with Chesapeake soft-shell crabs in season, perhaps that's just the method to choose. Soft-shell fanatics would disagree. No sauce, some say, only lemon. One camp wants Old Bay seasoning (not me), while others insist there must be Tabasco.

Well, to each his or her own. I'm not that dogmatic. I have eaten soft-shell crabs just about every way imaginable: pan-fried, deep-

fried, tempura-battered and grilled. I've had them on a bun, on top of spaghetti aglio e olio, even in gumbo.

The most important thing with soft-shell crabs, of course, is that they be utterly spanking fresh and lively, still wiggling if possible. You must buy them the day you plan to eat

there's nothing worse than a crab that's gone off. OK, perhaps there are worse things, but if you can't get perfectly fresh soft-shells, it's better to buy frozen or forgo them altogether. For the sweet first crabs of the season, I like to keep it quite simple, searing them quickly in a cast-iron pan, with butter, salt and pep-

buttery toasted almonds seemed to waft through my mind, along with lots of parsley and lemon. I nearly succumbed, but the memory somehow inspired a slight twist. How about preserved lemon instead of regular lemon, and why not use chopped cilantro, too? With pinches of cumin, coriander and cayenne, my soft-shells were now acquiring quite a different profile, not very Yankee at all, but there was no turning back.

SOFT-SHELL CRAB WITH PRESERVED LEMON AND ALMONDS

Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

(Note: Cleaning crabs involves cutting off the mouth and eyes and removing the gills and apron. Your fishmonger can do this for you.)

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon salt, plus more for seasoning
4 soft-shell crabs, cleaned with gills and apron removed (see note)



Pan-fried soft-shell crabs with preserved lemon, almonds and cilantro.

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them, preferably from a reliable fish merchant who received them that morning. They begin to deteriorate rapidly, so it's important to keep them on ice, because

per. After a few rounds of such purity, I usually think it's time to branch out a bit and introduce other flavors. The other day, from out of the past, the aroma of

A Fresh Approach to Soft-Shell Crabs